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The Short Circuit

March 15, 1980 By JOHN SHORT

Maybe it's too early to be looking back at our first National Hockey League season — after all, a playoff berth is still possible and there are still eight games left after tonight.

But I don't think anybody who was in the building that night will forget Friday, Dec. 14. For me, the night will stand in history — the first visit of Montreal Canadiens to my town to play my team in what every Canadian considers his own personal league. The night wasn't perfect. It was cold outside, for one thing. But it sure wasn't cold inside this building, either at the start or the end of the game.

I have never seen a longer, stronger ovation given to a hockey team than the one Edmonton's fans gave the Oilers after their 5-3 victory.

Believe it or not, there were fans crying with joy. I thought people only cried at weddings and funerals or when the income tax bill arrived.

Some reporters, normally the most vitriolic of souls, suggested that the victory over Montreal made the entire first season in the NHL worthwhile.

I don't think that's the case. I think many things made it worthwhile, And I

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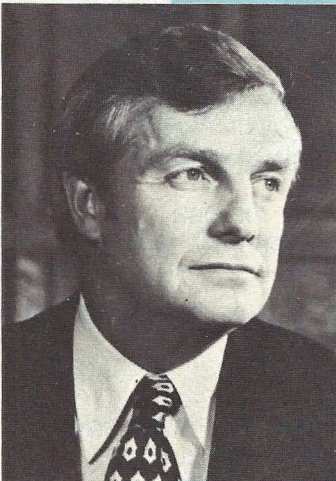
On behalf of the members of Council, the Administration, and the citizens of the City of Edmonton, I am pleased to acknowledge the participation of the Edmonton Oilers in the National Hockey League.

We welcome the N.H.L. teams to our city, as they visit us throughout the season's schedule. Involvement in the National Hockey League furthers the bond of friendship between Edmonton and many other major centres in Canada and the United States, and we look to our own Oilers along with all other N.H.L. teams, to foster the spirit of good sportsmanship and goodwill that benefits each of our communities.

Best wishes to the National Hockey League for a successful Hockey Season, and good luck to the Edmonton Oilers, the representatives of our city and all its people.

Yours sincerely,


C.J. (Cec) Purves
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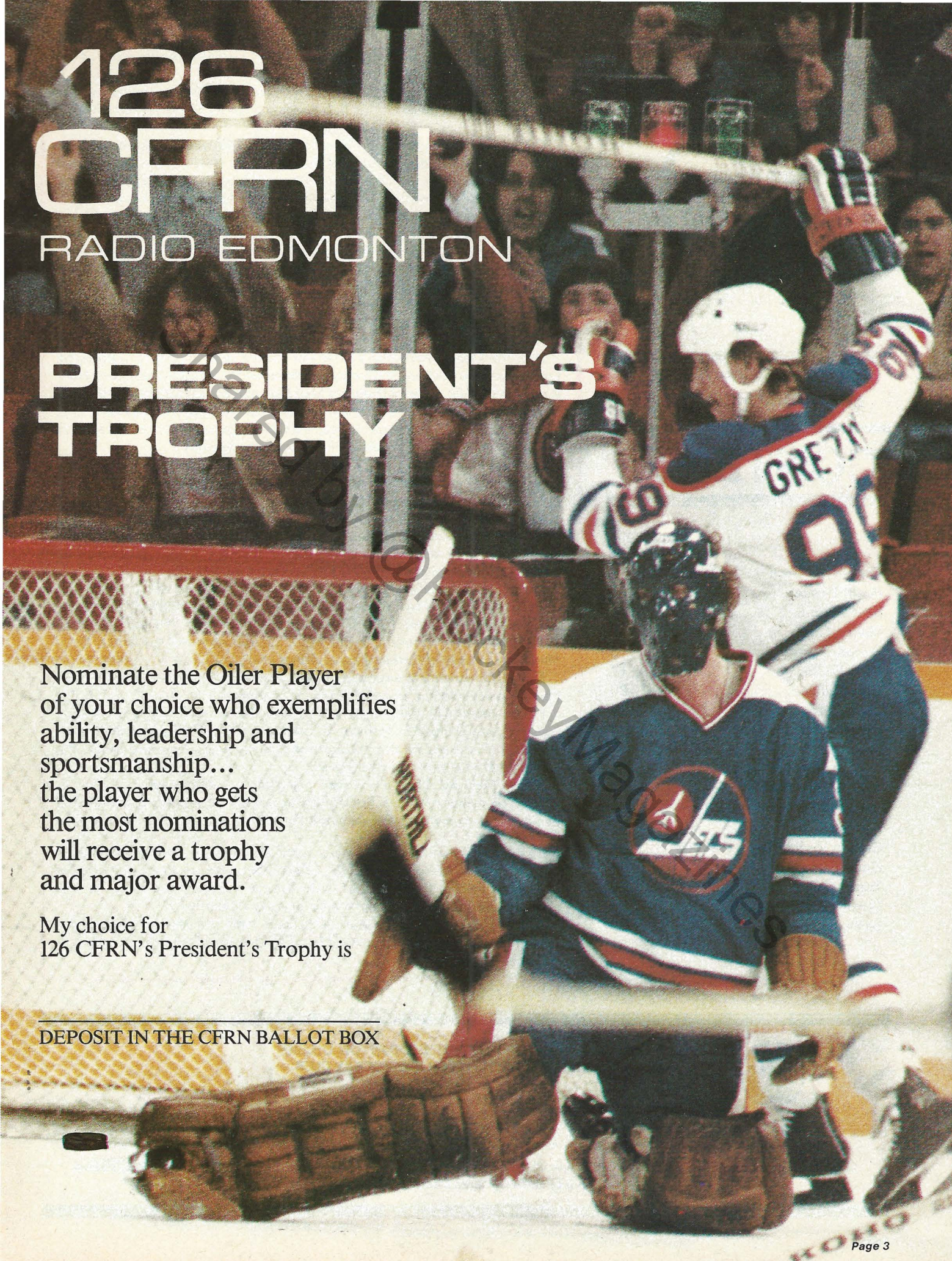
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Both personally and on behalf of the Government of Alberta, I would like to take this opportunity to extend best wishes to the Edmonton Oilers in their freshman year in the National Hockey League. I know that when the regular hockey season concludes in early April, both spectators and Oiler personnel alike will have enjoyed a rewarding season and will be looking forward to an even greater future. Alberta is proud to have the National Hockey League in our province, and I know I speak for the people of Alberta in wishing our new hockey Club sincere best wishes for a successful 1979-80 season. Good luck - we will all be cheering!


Peter Lougheed



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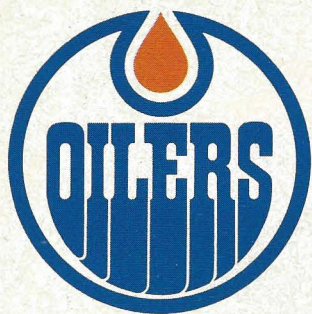
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predict there are more memories to come before this season becomes part of the deep, dark past.

Can you remember our first home game? When Mark Messier banked a shot from behind the net past Detroit Red Wings goaltender Rogie Vachon for a 3-3 tie?

Can you remember our second home game, when Wayne Gretzky flitted from behind the net and stuffed the puck between Glen Hanlon's pads in the final minute for the tying goal against Vancouver Canucks with an extra Oilers attacker on the ice and the netminder leading the cheering from the bench?

Can you remember the night Paul Shmyr whacked Dave Lumley on the head and shook up the entire Oilers hockey team as our side rallied for a 5-5 victory?

All those memories happened away back in October. And there are others.

I remember the first time we played New York Islanders in this building and Al Hamilton suffered a broken shoulder. I also remember that the Oilers beat the Islanders 7-5 and put the entire community into shock. And the night Edmonton tied Philadelphia Flyers 2-2 during Philadelphia's record winning streak — remember that?

Blair MacDonald remembers it. He was robbed by Pete Peeters in the dying seconds when a goal would have given Edmonton the victory. There have been similar close calls, many of them, for both Blair and his team-mates this season. There will be more. One thing I know: this has been a season of memories, almost all of them pleasant. Somehow, for me, the Oilers have taken on the character of this community. They don't always win but they work hard.

Their future is brighter than their past. The statement stands for most of the players and it certainly stands for one young guy in particular.

Think about Mark Messier for a moment.

He scored one goal last season in 52 World Hockey Association games. Some observers convinced themselves he would not be a good bet for long-term pro hockey stardom — otherwise, why would every team in pro hockey have allowed him to sit unclaimed in the entry draft?

Fortunately, the Oilers knew of his talents. When he was still around in the third round, Glen Sather, the team's coach and director of hockey operations, made the obvious choice. "The Oilers select Mark Messier," he said.

Then he started to negotiate with Mark and his agent and his father, Doug Messier, a veteran of hockey wars at almost every level.

Finally, an agreement was reached. The contract included a clause that said Mark Messier could be assigned to the minor leagues.

For all concerned, it was a fortunate clause. Mark, needing a quick dose of maturity, was shipped to Houston of the Central Hockey League. He gained confidence there and he also demonstrated the physical talents everyone in the Oilers organization knew he possessed.

Today, Mark Messier is a bona fide major-league hockey player.

Sure, he makes mistakes. Sometimes he gets out of position. Sometimes he neglects to do something an experienced player would have schooled himself to do.

It's interesting to me that every team in the NHL now covets Mark Messier. A touring scout was asked the other day which Oiler, in his opinion, had shown the most improvement from the start of the season. "Gretzky has improved," he said. "All of your kids have improved in one way or another."

"But Messier — that's the one. He's shown more growth as a player and a person than anybody on your team. Maybe he's improved more than anybody in the whole league."



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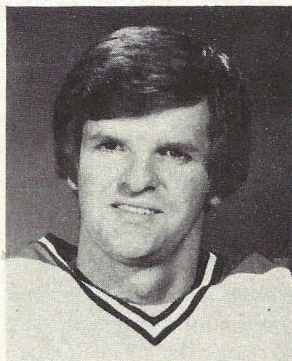
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PLAYER PROFILE

DENIS HERRON

GOALTENDER



MONTREAL CANADIENS

SHOOTS: Right

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June 18, 1952

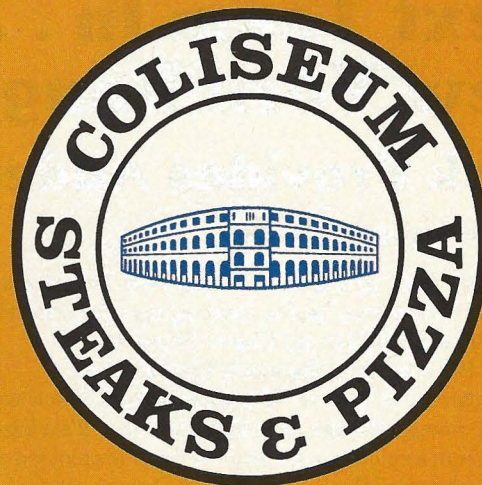
HEIGHT: 5'11"

WEIGHT: 165 lbs.

When Ken Dryden retired before the start of the 1979-80 National Hockey League season, Montreal Canadiens quickly needed a goaltender. They found one — and a good one. In a trade before the season even started, Montreal obtained classy Denis Herron in exchange for a minor-league netminder, Bob Holland, and coveted forward Pat Hughes. Herron was outstanding against the Oilers in a 5-4 triumph at Montreal last week. Herron was outstanding, just as he has been whenever he was healthy in 1972-73 season. A few seasons ago, he was signed as a free agent by Pittsburgh from the Kansas City organization and current Oiler defenceman Colin Campbell was moved to Kansas City in exchange.

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1969-70 Trois-Rivieres QJHL	1	—	10	0	6.25
1970-71 Trois-Rivieres QJHL	33	—	136	0	4.12
1971-72	.... Trois-Rivieres	..... QJHL	40	—	160	2	3.19
1972-73	.... Pittsburgh	..... NHL	18	967	55	2	3.41
1972-73	.... Hershey	..... AHL	21	1185	63	0	3.19
1973-74	.... Pittsburgh	..... NHL	5	260	18	0	4.15
1973-74	.... Salt Lake	..... WHL	9	530	32	0	3.62
1973-74	.... Hershey	..... AHL	17	967	52	0	3.22
1974-75	.... Hershey	..... AHL	12	615	45	0	4.39
1974-75	.... Pittsburgh	..... NHL	3	108	11	0	6.11
1974-75	.... Kansas City	..... NHL	22	1280	80	0	3.75
1975-76	.... Kansas City	..... NHL	64	3620	243	0	4.03
1976-77	.... Pittsburgh	..... NHL	34	1920	94	1	2.94
1977-78 Pittsburgh NHL	60	3534	210	0	3.57
1978-79 Pittsburgh NHL	56	3208	180	0	3.37

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Next Team In . . . New York Rangers

Beck Provides Added Spark

By Mike Shalin

He's big. He's strong. He's smart. And he can really play hockey. He also may be the missing ingredient for the New York Rangers' first Stanley Cup in 40 years.

Barry Beck is taking the whole thing in stride.

"All I can say is that I'm having a lot of fun," Beck said soon after becoming a Ranger back in November. "It's a big change coming from a cowtown to a city like this. I'm enjoying myself."

The "cowtown" Beck came from is Denver, where he spent two years as "the franchise" for the lowly Rockies. The second pick of the 1977 amateur draft, the big defenceman (6-foot-3-217 pounds) played some very good hockey for a very bad hockey team in what so far has proven itself a weak hockey market.

Despite being an excellent young talent, Beck first gained national attention for his sparkling defensive play as a fill in for Guy Lapointe in last year's NHL Challenge Cup Series with the Russians at Madison Square Garden. But no matter how good he was, few would hear of him because of where he played his home games.

That's all changed now.

"After the first game I played here (New York), I was just sitting around relaxing and there was media all around my stall," Beck says. "We didn't have that in Colorado. We didn't get much attention out there."

This year was to have been one of optimism for the Rockies, with coaching genius Don Cherry arriving from Boston and first draft choice Rob Ramage arriving from the World Hockey Association. The Rockies were supposed to be better — but they weren't. Then came the trade.

"It was a total surprise, I was pretty shocked when I heard about it," the 22-year-old Beck says of the November 2 deal that moved him to New York for Pat Hickey, Mike McEwen, Lucien DeBlois, Dean Turner and Bobby Sheehan. "I had heard rumors about it for a couple of weeks before but I really didn't think I would be traded. They told me they weren't going to trade me."

"I went to practice that day and Don Cherry called me into his office and told me about it. I went out by myself and had a few beers and thought about it. It's the best move that could ever happen to me in my hockey career.

"I've already adjusted to this city and I'm glad to be here. When I woke up my first morning here I looked out the window and I was surprised. I was used to seeing mountains, not the Empire State Building."

As soon as he became a Ranger, Beck could tell the difference between his new club and the one he left behind.

"This is a great organization," says the man they call "Bubba". "They care about you here. Management really takes care of the players."

That was Barry's biggest problem in Colorado — management wasn't rewarding him for the job he was doing. He was

MIKE McEWEN

. . . part of swap



working for \$80,000 a year, a meager salary for today's star athlete. He wanted to re-negotiate and the Rockies said no. The Rangers are saying yes and Beck should be a happy young man by virtue of a five-year contract (signed in November) that will earn him over \$200,000 per season.

Ranger president Sonny Werblin was placed under fire for the Beck deal, as other hockey types accused him of all kinds of things in his dealings with Rockies president Arthur Imperatore. Werblin and Imperatore are old buddies so people are saying there was more to this deal than meets the eye. There probably was, but Beck is still a Ranger and the Rockies didn't come out too badly either, acquiring some quality hockey players.

With the off-ice contract burden lifted from Beck's big shoulders, the Vancouver native — who led the New Westminster Bruins to the 1977 Memorial Cup and was named the Most Valuable Player in the playoffs — can think about helping his new team in its bid to return to the Stanley Cup finals. You see, Beck is the big bopper the Rangers had been looking for, and his presence immediately made the other Ranger players more aggressive.

"I'm a big guy. I should be playing the body," says Beck, who caused some board and door repair at the Garden in his first month. "With me playing a little aggressive — and I don't mean by going out and fighting all the time — the other guys can afford to do a little more hitting. That's how you win hockey games."

Upon Beck's arrival, however, the Rangers weren't winning that many hockey games. In fact, the club was just 6-8-3 in his first 17 games through Dec. 5, playing well in spots and trying to clear up a muddled goaltending situation. Beck was also playing well in spots, but showed his tremendous strength on numerous occasions. He knocked a panel of plexiglass out on one check and jarred the door at the end of the arena loose on another, causing a 30-minute delay. His strength is fast becoming legend among Madison Square Garden regulars.

But more than just being strong, Back Beck is a heck of a hockey player. He's also candid about his personal performance.

"It's been a little hard for me," he said three days after the trade. "I have to learn to play a little more offensively. There's a lot more talent here than I'm used to and it's easier to make a play here. In Colorado, we had to pick our spots and wait for a break. Here, it's totally different."

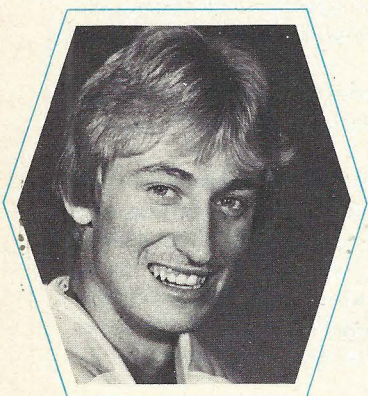
And how is Barry Beck adjusting to his new team and his new city.

"I think I'm fitting in pretty well," he says.

If he continues to "fit in", the New York Rangers may just get that ever-elusive Stanley Cup.



THE MOLSON CUP



WAYNE GRETZKY

The Molson Cup three stars evolved from one of NHL hockey's oldest traditions... the selection at game's end of the three players judged most valuable in a particular contest. The Molson Cup was born to add substance to the star selections, to reward consistently high levels of performance and to recognize major contributions to the team's success over an entire season.

New to the Edmonton Oilers this season, the Molson Cup will be initiated to award the Edmonton Oiler player who achieves the greatest number of points from these three star selections.

Players from the Oilers will be awarded five points every time they are chosen as a star by a media selection panel of a regular season game. The contest will be divided into five segments: October and November/December/January/February/March and April. Cash awards will be presented following each segment of the contest.

The first and second place finishers in these segments will receive \$1,000.00 and \$500.00 respectively.

The overall winner will be awarded the prestigious Molson Cup along with a check for \$1,000.00. The overall runner-up will receive \$500.00.

For all five segments, as well as the final standing, any ties for first or second place will be broken by choosing the player with the greatest number of first star selections.

Oilers general manager Larry Gordon expressed the organization's pleasure at having The Molson Cup as a key element in Edmonton's first NHL season. "The recognition of our players in a three-star competition that carries a significant benefit to them and to us, as well as being of keen interest to our fans, is one more indication of Edmonton's solid hockey tradition and bright hockey future."

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Oilers Impress Habs With Gritty Effort

By **DICK CHUBEY**
The Edmonton Sun

It has been documented since way back when that to every story, there are two sides.

Consider a turn of events a week ago Thursday before 16,981 at Montreal's Forum, the hallowed shrine of the National Hockey League where Stanley Cup banners hang in prominence and abundance like teen-aged adolescents around a billiard-parlour.

Going in, the surging Montreal Canadiens were unbeaten in six (5-0-1) games and were stressing the point of re-establishing themselves in the season's half as the premier NHL entry. Plus Guy Lafleur was returning to the lineup.

On the other hand, the skidding Edmonton Oilers had but one victory to show for in their previous eight engagements and were precariously sitting three rungs from the NHL's basement.

As you're well aware, the Oilers didn't pull the upset of the century. But, when the rapid-paced 5-4 struggle drew to a conclusion, they were the ones closing fast and the mighty Habs were well aware of the fact they had been in a battle.

Herein, the story's two sides . . .

With Larry Robinson in the infirmary taking repairs to a slightly separated right shoulder, reporters crowded around the newest hero of the Montreal defence — Robinson-look-alike Rod Langway.

"We took them for granted, I think, after our big win in Philly (5-1 four nights over the Flyers in Philadelphia)," explained the former Birmingham World Hockey Association rearguard.

"And, don't forget, they've got some players who can put the puck into the net."

Across the way, Oilers' coach Glen Sather, forever pugnacious no matter what the outcome, was like a survivor of one of history's other great underdog battles — the Alamo. He was proud in defeat, but nevertheless disappointed in the final result.

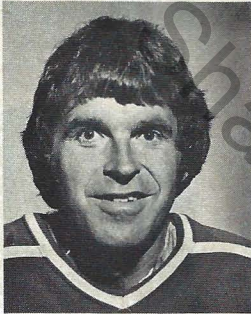
"I thought we should have beaten the (bleeps)," he cussed. "The thing about tonight is that they were flying, so were we . . . and we actually played better."

With Wayne Gretzky gaining first-star prominence (one goal, two assists and umpteen setups), despite the loss, and line-mate Blair MacDonald earning No. 3 rating by snapping a seven-game drought on the road with two goals, the Oilers outshot Montreal 32-29. Only the sharp goaltending of Dennis Herron, who the Canadiens rescued from Pittsburgh Penguins when Ken Dryden decided to retire, was the difference.

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**1978-79
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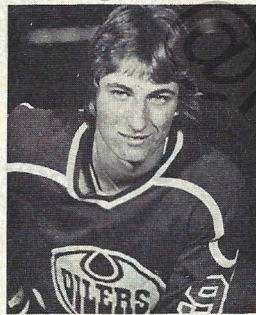


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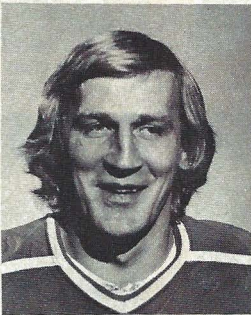
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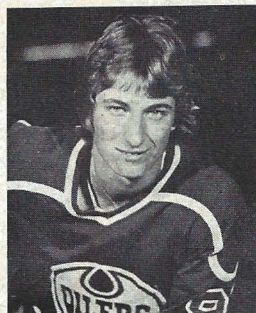
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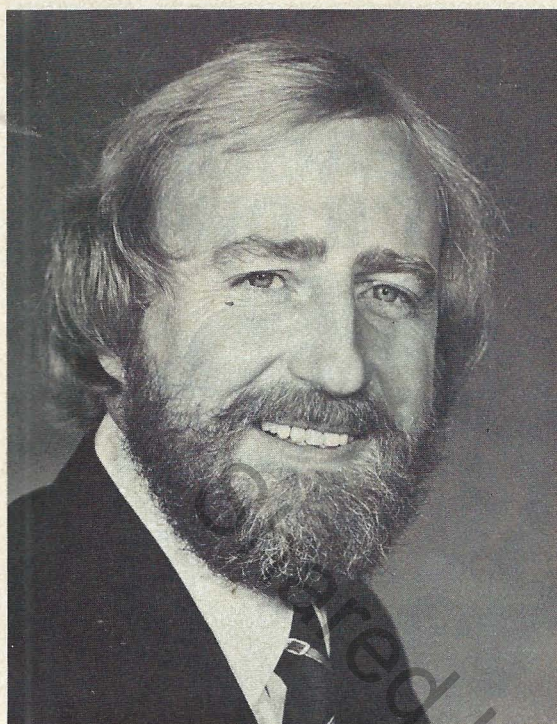
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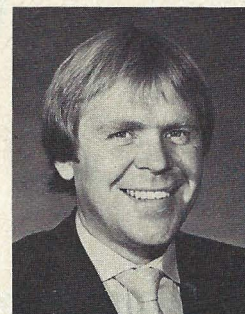
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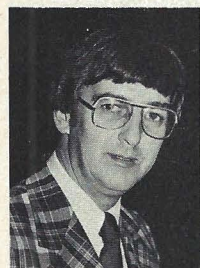
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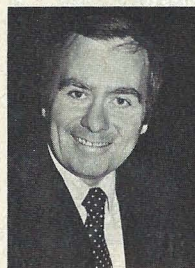
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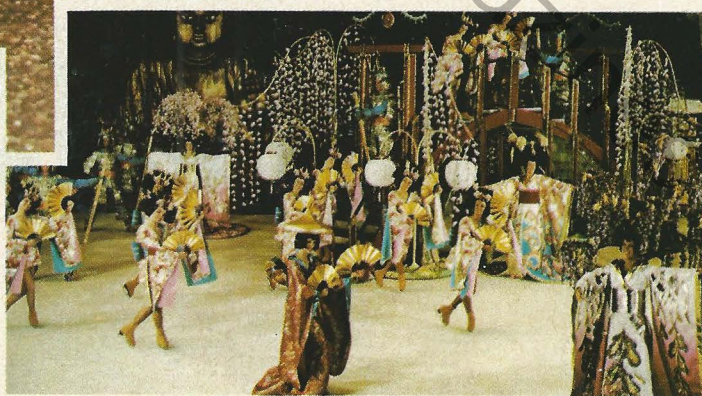
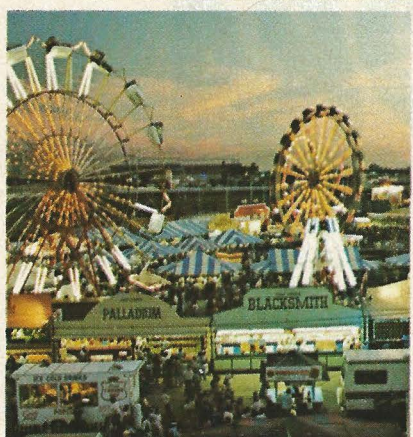
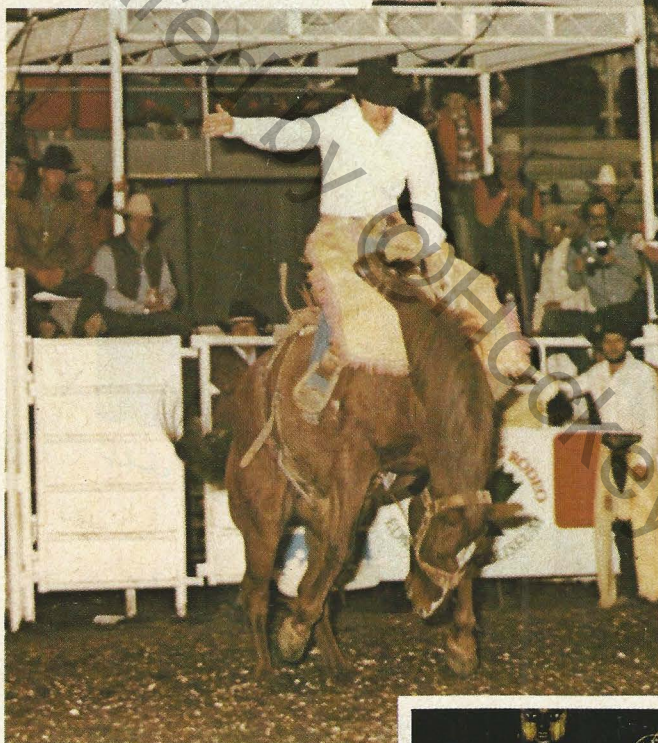
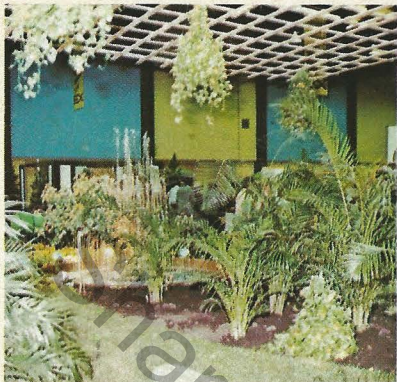
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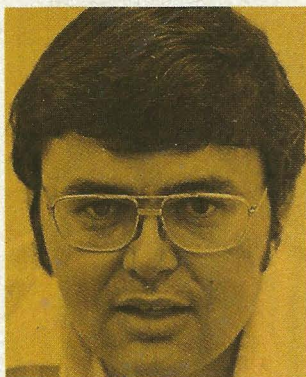
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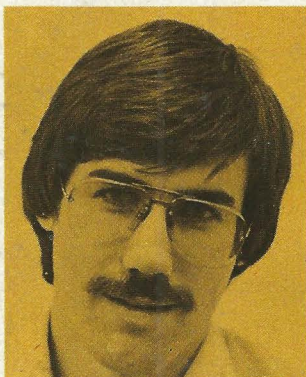


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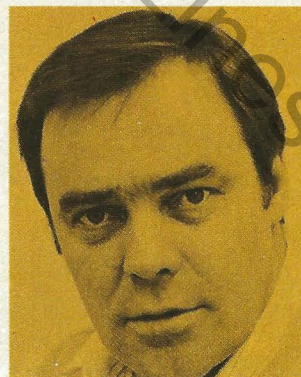
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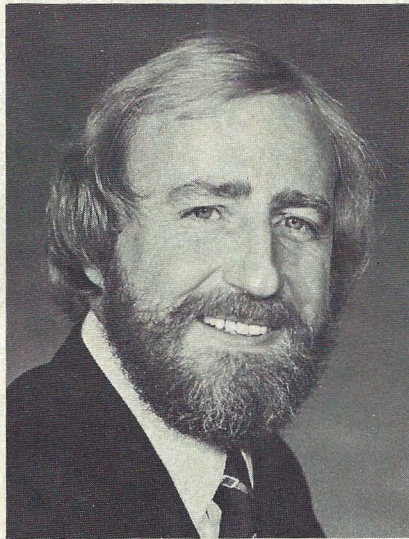
Peter Pocklington made a promise to himself when he first became owner of Edmonton Oilers: he promised to win a franchise for Edmonton in the National Hockey League.

This year, as fans throughout North America are aware, he kept his promise. The Oilers and three other former World Hockey Association franchises were welcomed to the NHL this summer. Pocklington was one of the key figures in negotiations leading to expansion.

The bearded entrepreneur spent much of his time working with general manager Larry Gordon and Glen Sather, coach and hockey operations director, to win the franchise and to make sure the organization is well-constructed from top to bottom.

He also had time to oversee the operations of Patrician Lands Corporation Ltd., Westown Ford, Gainers Meats Ltd. and his newest ventures Edmonton Drillers of the North American Soccer League. Pocklington stands as living proof of the adage that a busy man gets things done.

Pocklington considers his moves of the off-season two summers ago as the keys to the future of this thriving infant NHL franchise. He appointed Sather and Gordon in June, 1978, as vice-presidents with total responsibility in their separate but closely-related areas. The record (a first-place finish in the final WHA season and record attendances for the now-defunct league) show



his decisions were good ones.

Pocklington's friends and associates consider him a builder, one who does not give up on a project until success is assured. He can be expected to stay closely involved with the Oilers' operation for as long as his business acumen is needed and for as long as it takes to make the Oilers as successful in the NHL as they became before the WHA folded.

Recognized as one of the most enthusiastic jet-boat racers in North America, Pocklington agreed during the off-season to end his active involvement. However, he remains intrigued by speed, as evidenced by his part owner ship (with actor Paul Newman) of two cars racing on an international road circuit.

The Oilers owner, 38, a self-made man who refuses to limit his horizons, says he can hardly wait until the Oilers win a Stanley Cup.

"That's why we're in this thing — to win. That's why people keep score. I know Edmonton's fans will be patient with us for a while because they know how big a job has been done in the last couple of seasons, but I feel we're competitive in our first year and there's no reason we won't keep improving.

"We've got good people throughout the Oilers organization. They know what they're doing. We're making all our current decisions with the future firmly in mind.

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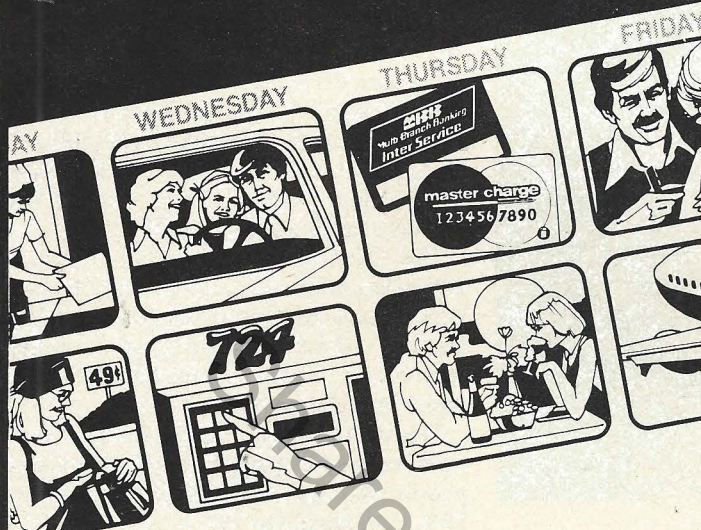
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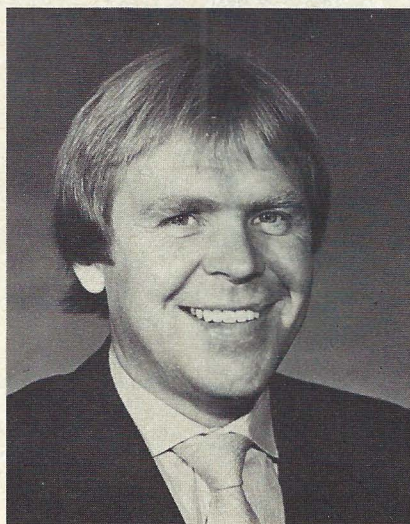
Glen Sather, 35, a National Hockey League player for 10 seasons in a career that ended three full seasons ago, is the youngest coach in the NHL as this season gets under way.

His youth is combined with experience because he entered the term with more than two years of head-coaching experience. Last year, his second as the on-ice boss of Edmonton's World Hockey Association franchise, he led the Oilers to the only first-place finish in their seven-year history.

In the previous year, he led the Oilers into a playoff berth after injuries ruined their regular-season championship hopes. His first experience came in the 1976-77 season when he replaced Bep Guidolin in January while continuing as a player. He scored a goal on his first shift after being given the new responsibilities and led Edmonton to an important and unexpected 9-6 triumph over Quebec Nordiques.

Sather, an off-season resident of Banff, Alta., in the Canadian Rockies about 90 miles west of Calgary owns a succesful lodge near his home. Whenever possible, he heads into the mountains for peace and quiet — but in the last few years, there's been little time.

Sather and his staff, like all others involved in the NHL expansion draft at Montreal this June, spent hundreds of hours studying every possible means of coming up with good players.



The coach — who has full responsibility for and control over hockey operations — is a tremendous worker.

He approaches his coaching responsibilities the same way he used to get ready as a player with Minnesota, Montreal, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and Boston. His willingness as a player to do almost anything to help his team has carried over to his new career.

The Oilers came away from the June expansion draft and August's entry draft of junior players convinced they have a nucleus that will make them respectable in this first season and provide a solid foundation for future improvement.

"We've had a lot of inquiries about guys from some other teams," he said. "If we have people who can play for other teams in the NHL, they should be able to play for us. The

only way to find out is to give everybody a chance."

Two seasons ago, when the Oilers were stricken by injuries and were forced to beg for assistance, Sather learned a lesson. This year, he applied his knowledge: he established a full affiliation, the first in Edmonton's history, with a major-league team.

"We can send our young players to Houston of the Central League," Sather said. "It helps everybody, because we'll have a chance to find out who fits our system and young guys will have a chance to develop where we can keep an eye on them."

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GENERAL MANAGER

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Selling tickets, plus the myriad other details involved in marketing of a National Hockey League franchise, are the responsibility of general manager Larry Gordon, one of the two vice-presidents who works closely with owner Peter Pocklington in operation of the team.

Gordon was hired by the Oilers after filling various functions in other professional sports organizations. The native of Bancroft, Ont., worked in the properties division of Boston Bruins in 1967. Five years later, he joined Cleveland Crusaders of the WHA as director of marketing.

At that time, he caught the eye of Nick Mileti, who controlled the Crusaders, Cleveland Indians of the American Baseball League and Cleveland Cavaliers of the National Basketball Association. Gordon got involved in virtually every aspect of all those operations.

On the strength of his performance in Cleveland, Gordon was named executive vice-president in charge of WHA properties



and shifted his operations to the league office in Toronto. In 1977, he was appointed WHA executive director and he held the job one season before joining the Oilers in June, 1978.

Besides his involvement in expansion negotiations, Gordon's major pre-season function was to build a solid marketing organization. The six-member marketing staff's performance so far gives the general manager — known as "Genial" by Edmonton's reporters — reason to be pleased with his selections.

Gordon, obviously, is mainly involved in financial aspects of the new NHL franchise. "One of my prime responsibilities is to manage the overall operation of the club so a profitable bottom line is assured," he says.

Gordon negotiated the five-game pre-season package and has assured Edmonton fans a top Russian team will be here for an exhibition game early in January. It was as an international negotiator that he gained much of his prominence; he set up valuable international games with the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Finland last season.

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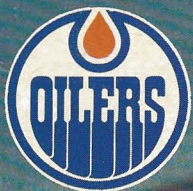
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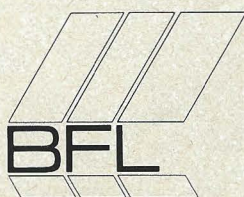
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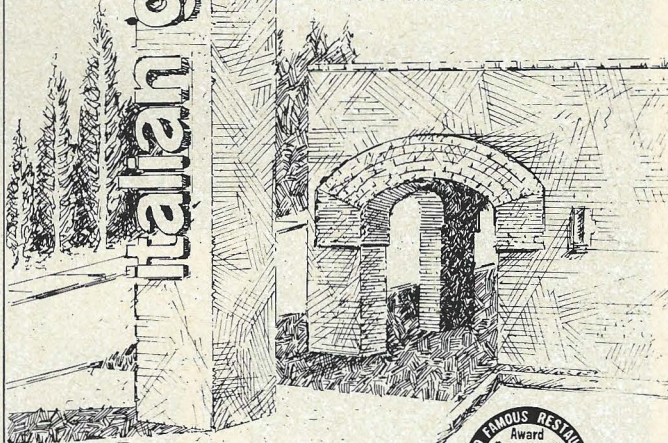
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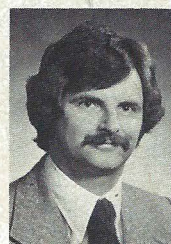
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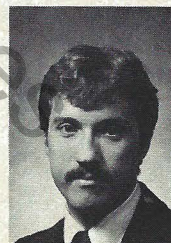
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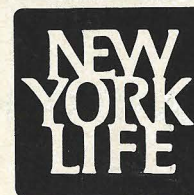


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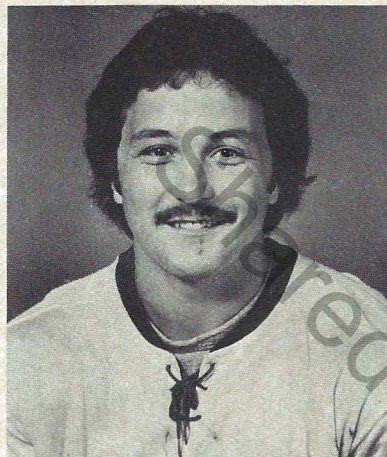
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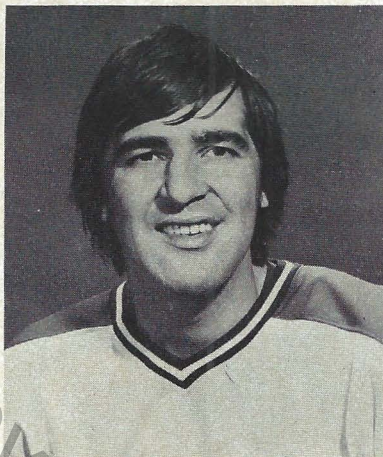
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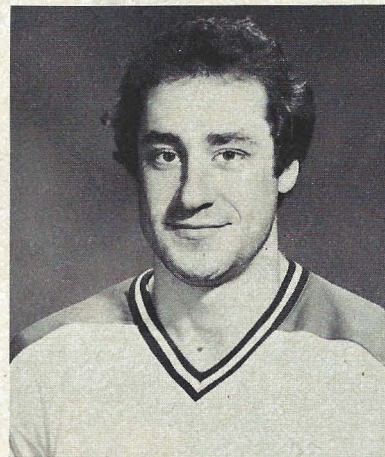
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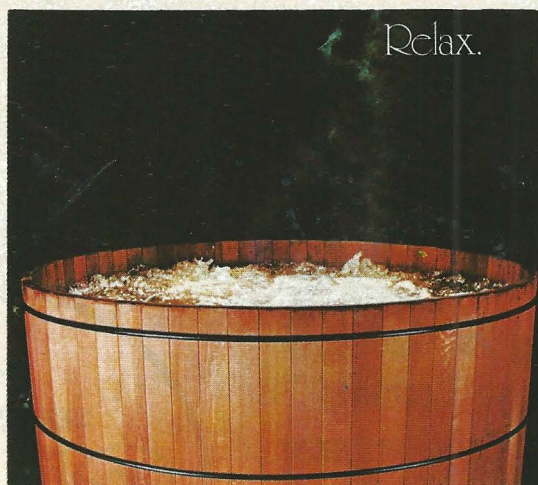


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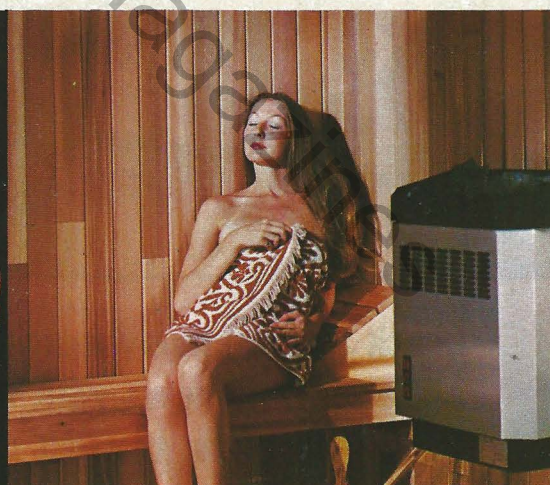
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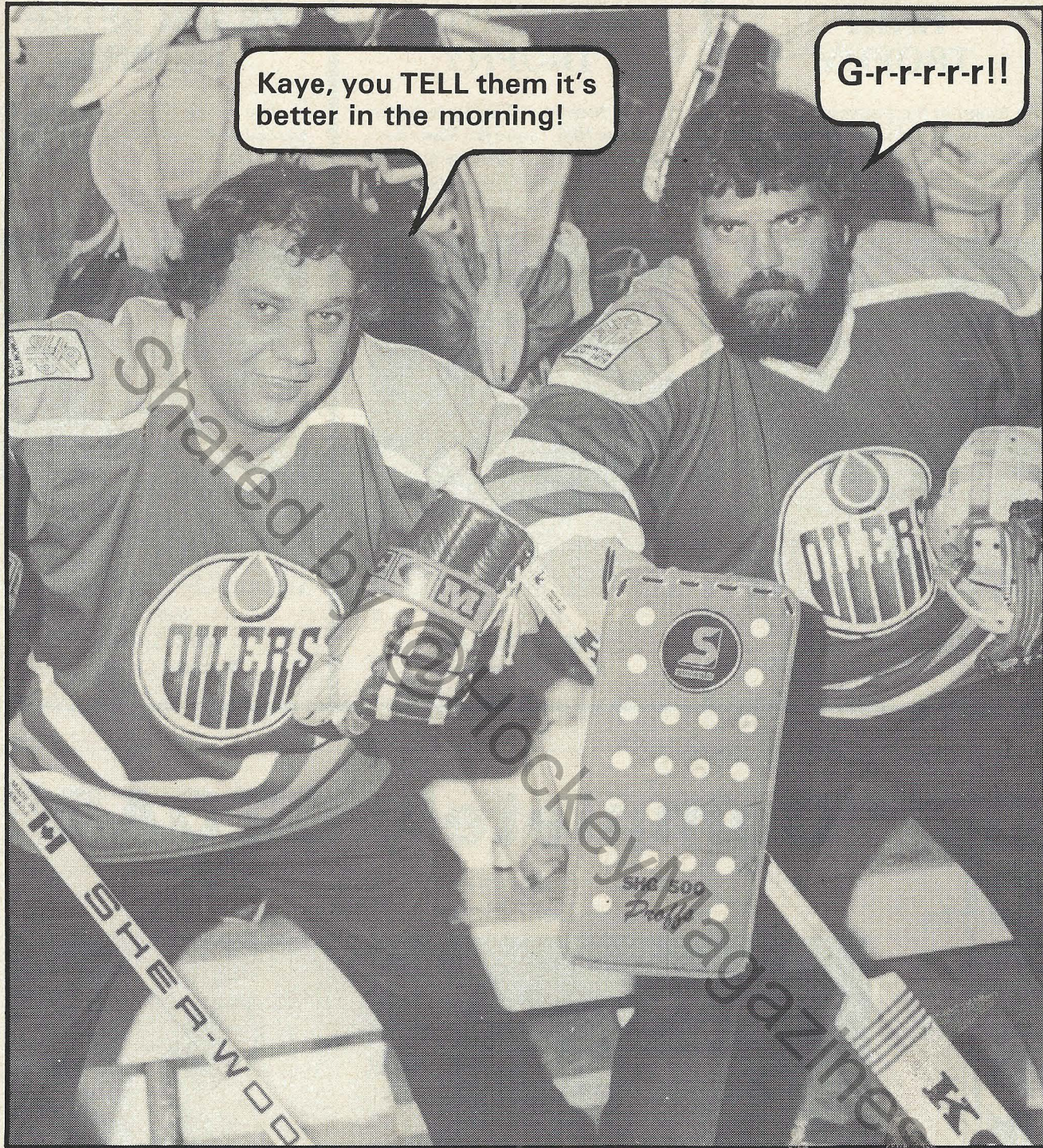
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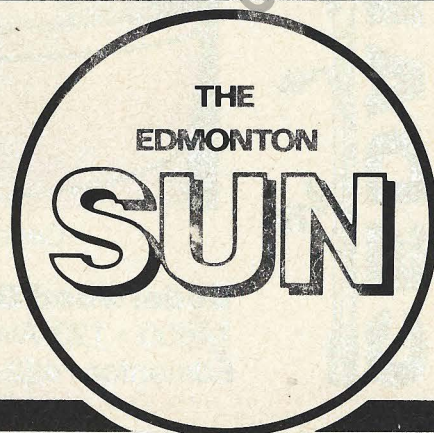
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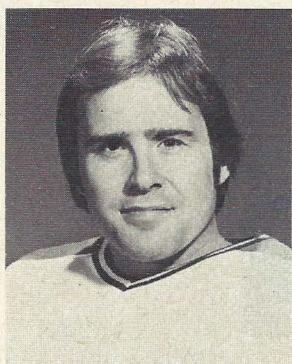




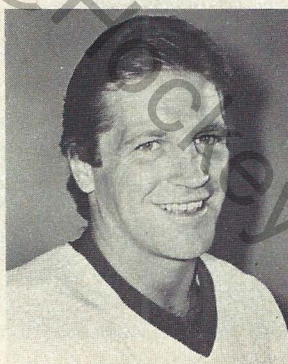
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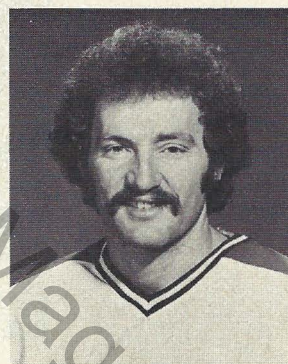
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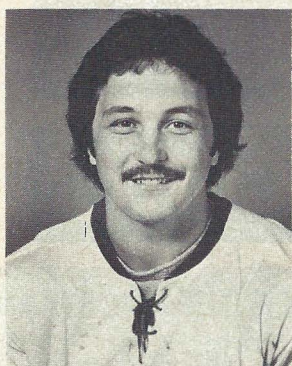
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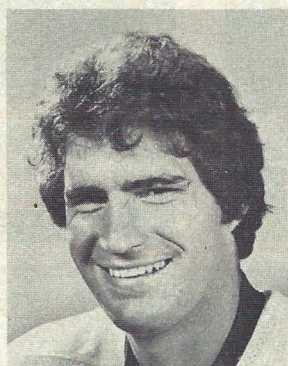
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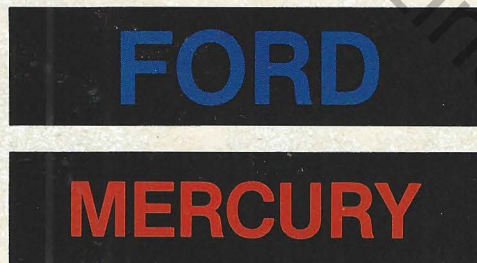
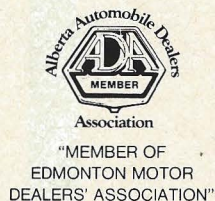
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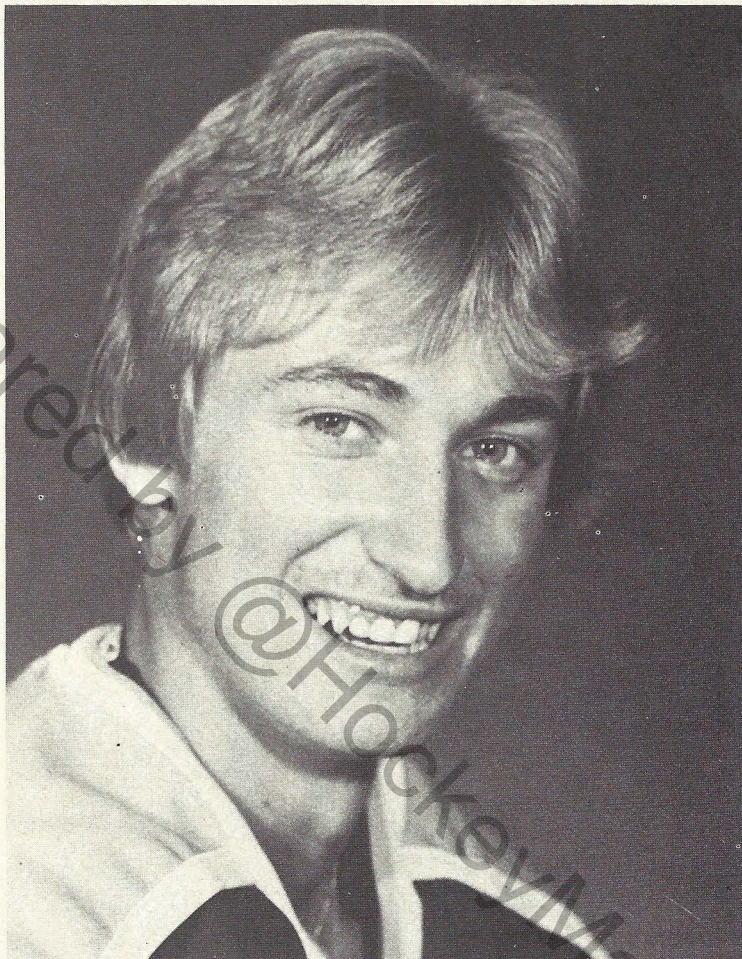
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a) Terry Sawchuck b) Glenn Hall c) Bernie Parent d) Ken Dryden
2. Which player was the first to win the Scoring, Most Gentlemanly Player and Most Valuable Player Award in one season.
a) Bobby Hull b) Stan Mikita c) Gordie Howe d) Phil Esposito
3. If two goaltenders play in a game for the same team and the team records a shut-out, which goaltender gets credit for the shut-out?
4. If the puck hits a referee or a linesman and goes into the net, does it count as a goal?
5. When did it become mandatory to dress two goaltenders for an NHL game?
a) 1957-58 b) 1945-46 c) 1965-66 d) 1968-69
6. Tiny Thompson was the first goaltender to receive an assist in the NHL. Name the team he played for.
a) Toronto b) Boston c) New York d) Montreal
7. What is the highest number of three goal games in a single season by a player in the NHL?
a) 5 b) 7 c) 10 d) 15
8. Name the defenseman who holds the NHL record for the most points in a single game.
a) Tom Bladen b) Bob Orr c) Dennis Potvin d) Ian Turnbull

Answers on page 75.

* How Much Do You Know About The Oilers And The National Hockey League?

Wayne Gretzky

A Treat To Watch



WAYNE GRETZKY

By **RICHARD FINNIGAN**

There are times, watching a young gentleman named Wayne Gretzky play shinny, that everyone in the rink knows what he's going to do.

You can watch him hit the red line for instance, get in stride, and bear down the right side toward the opposition end. Most especially, the defencemen who are trying to stop him know that their best play is to try to contain the play right at the blueline. For some reason they haven't quite figured out though, they're sitting back on their heels well behind the line when he cuts for the centre.

This is just one of several tricks in the Gretzky book we've seen so often it begins to look like a ritual, performed with such predictability that you begin to assume the minor players are in a trance.

They are.

The biggest part of the treat for Edmonton Oilers fans is the fact that there's more to come. What he does for an encore, how he improves on what to all intents and purposes is a rookie season in which he takes a run at the National Hockey League scoring championship, is anybody's guess but considering that

other small fact, the fact that he's 19, we expect to be pleasantly surprised.

Gordie Howe once said that if you didn't add at least one new move a year, you'd be dead. Gretzky is constantly bringing new moves to the game, but there is such a combination of innovation and control involved that we don't know whether we're watching a Bobby Riggs or a Bjorn Borg. At times, Gretzky looks to be trapped and the way he eludes a check has the mark of comedy. At other times, he'll fire an ace past a goaltender who knew it was coming all along but seemed powerless to stop the inevitable.

There are rules for stopping all of this but in the case of Wayne Gretzky, the rules just don't seem to apply.

Comparisons, even favorable ones are odious. What we are watching is Secretariat in the Belmont. Arnold Palmer at his best. A smash by Mickey Mantle.

We watch a kid named Wayne Gretzky perform. We make our comparisons because the performance is beyond our powers of description.

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20	Dave Lumley	70	16	34	50	125	1	0	5	0
16	Don Murdoch	57	23	19	42	18	5	1	2	1
8	Risto Siltanen	63	6	29	35	26	1	0	0	0
5	Doug Hicks	68	8	26	34	46	5	2	0	0
12	Dave Hunter	69	8	26	34	82	1	1	1	0
26	Pat Price	65	9	17	26	126	2	0	0	1
11	Mark Messier	65	9	17	26	112	0	1	1	1
3	Al Hamilton	21	4	12	16	18	1	0	0	0
4	Kevin Lowe	54	2	12	14	64	2	0	0	0
27	Dave Semenko	59	5	5	10	119	1	0	1	0
6	Colin Campbell	62	1	9	10	178	0	0	0	0
2	Lee Fogolin	70	4	4	8	90	0	0	0	0
19	Don Ashby	19	3	4	7	4	2	0	0	0
24	Peter Driscoll	31	1	5	6	37	0	0	0	1
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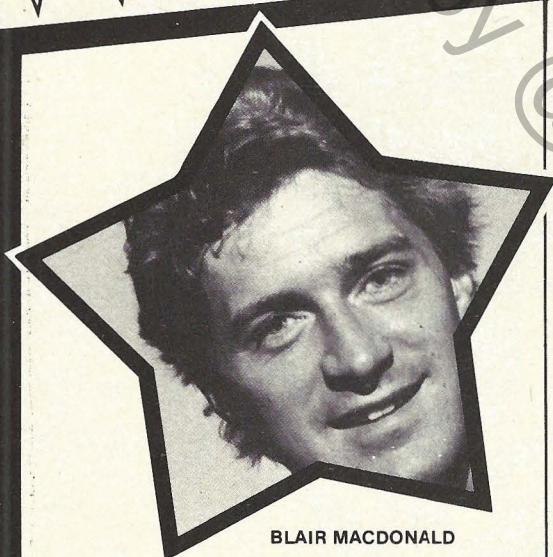
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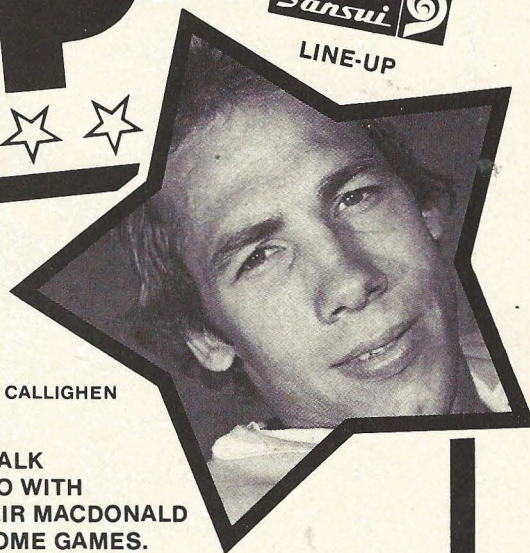
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3	AL HAMILTON	D	6-2	210	8-20-46	Flin Flon, Man.
4	KEVIN LOWE	D	6-2	197	4-15-59	Hawkesbury, Ont.
5	DOUG HICKS	D	6-1	185	6-29-55	Cold Lake, Alta.
6	COLIN CAMPBELL	D	5-9	190	1-28-53	London, Ont.
8	RISTO SILTANEN	D	5-9	180	10-31-58	Mantta, Finland
9	KARI MAKKONEN	RW	6-0	190	1-20-56	Pori, Finland
11	MARK MESSIER	LW	6-1	190	1-18-61	Edmonton, Alta.
12	DAVE HUNTER	LW-RW	5-11	195	1-1-58	Petrolia, Ont.
14	BLAIR MacDONALD	RW	5-10	180	11-17-53	Cornwall, Ont.
15	WAYNE BIANCHIN	LW	5-10	180	9-6-53	Nanaimo, B.C.
18	BRETT CALLIGHEN	LW	5-11	172	5-15-53	Toronto, Ont.
19	DON ASHBY	C-LW	6-0	185	3-8-55	Kamloops, B.C.
20	DAVE LUMLEY	RW	6-1	185	9-1-54	Toronto, Ont.
21	STAN WEIR	C	6-1	180	3-17-52	Ponoka, Alta.
24	PETER DRISCOLL	RW-LW	6-0	190	10-27-54	Kingston, Ont.
26	PAT PRICE	D	6-2	200	3-24-55	Nelson, B.C.
27	DAVE SEMENKO	LW	6-3	215	7-12-57	Winnipeg, Man.
47	DON MURDOCH	RW	5-11	180	10-25-56	Cranbrook, B.C.
99	WAYNE GRETZKY	C	5-11	170	1-26-61	Brantford, Ont.

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30	RON LOW	G	6-1	205	6-21-50	Birtle, Man.
31	ED MIO	G	5-10	180	1-31-54	Windsor, Ont.
33	BOB DUPUIS	G	5-11	167	8-26-52	North Bay, Ont.

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3	BRIAN ENGBLOM	D	6-2	200	1-27-55	Winnipeg, Man.
5	GUY LAPOINTE	D	6-0	204	3-18-48	Montreal, Que.
6	PIERRE MONDOU	C	5-11	175	11-27-55	Sorel, Que.
8	DOUG RISEBROUGH	C	5-11	180	1-29-54	Kitchener, Ont.
10	GUY LAFLEUR	C/RW	6-0	180	9-20-51	Thurso, Que.
11	YVON LAMBERT	LW	6-0	195	5-20-51	Drummondville, Que.
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28	PIERRE LAROCHE	C	5-11	175	11-16-55	Taschereau, Que.
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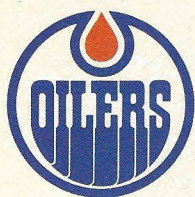
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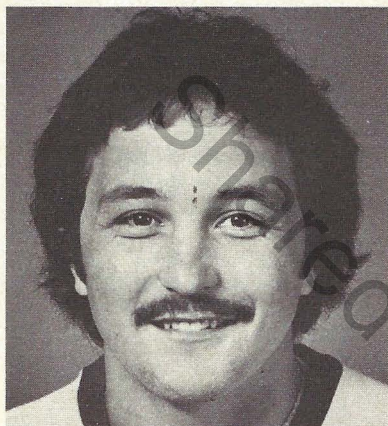
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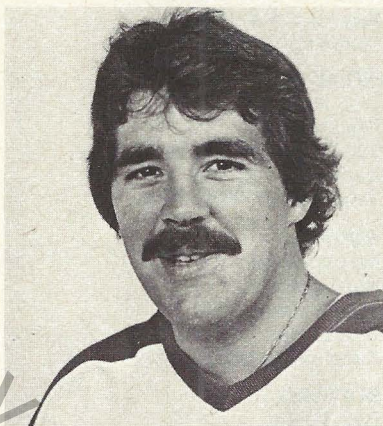
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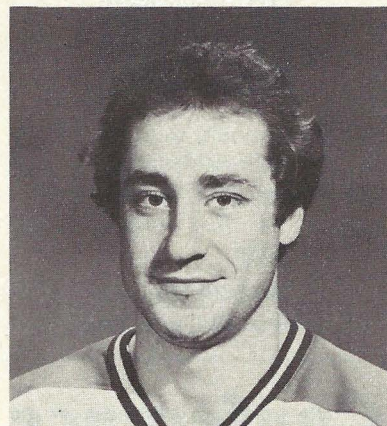
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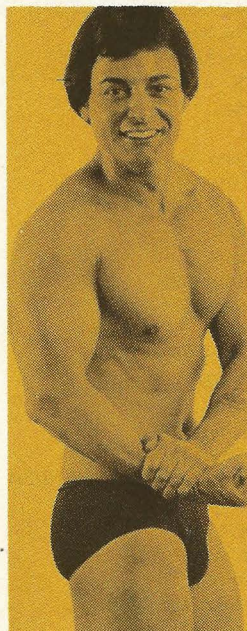
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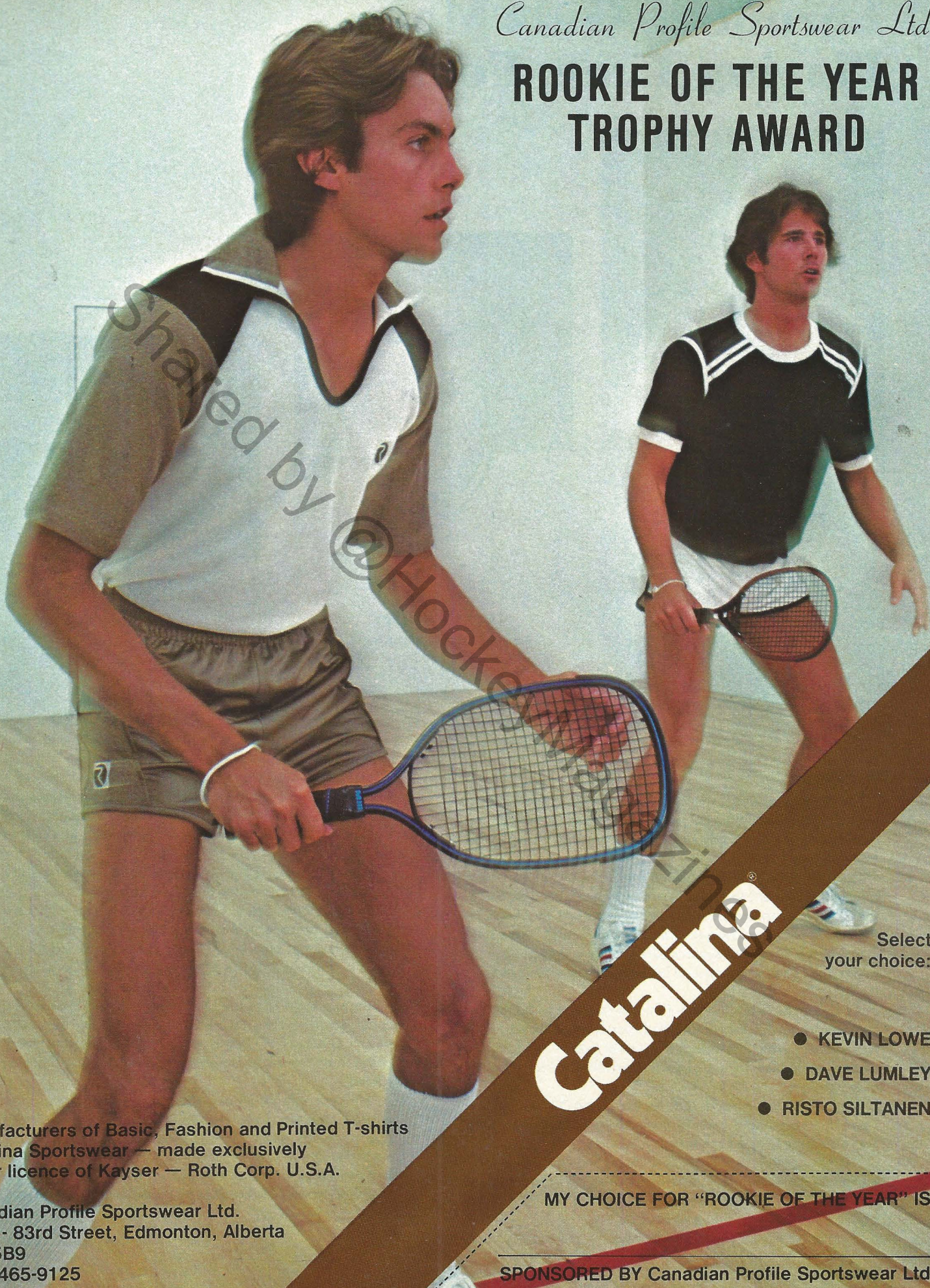
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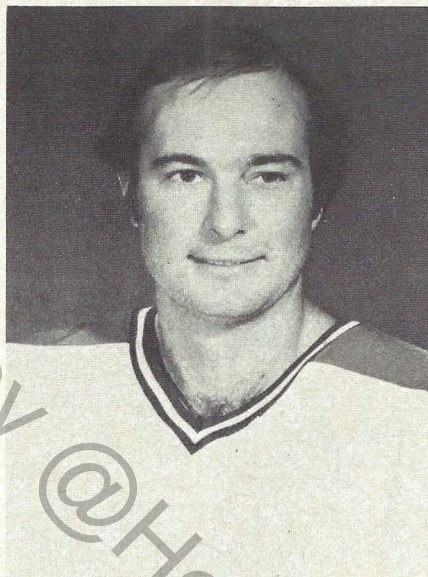
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Larouche Gets More Playing Time; Foes



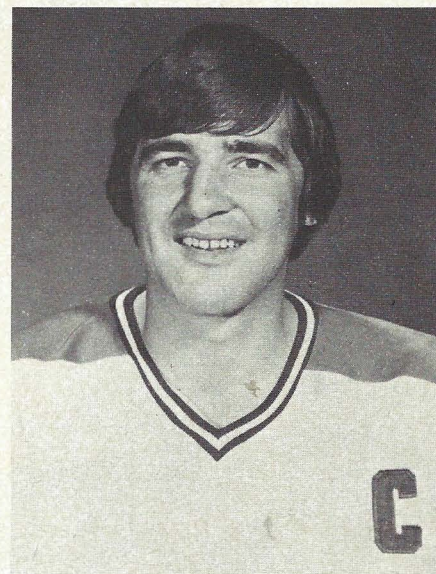
PIERRE LAROCHE

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SERGE SAVARD

... sees improvement

By Mike Shalin

For Pierre Larouche, the 1979-80 season has thus far been one of adjustment. You see, after almost two years with the Montreal Canadiens, Larouche is being asked to adjust to more playing time.

Larouche, the youngest player ever to score 50 goals in a single NHL season, wore out his welcome in Pittsburgh during the 1977-78 season and was shipped to Montreal. He was to be the heir-apparent to Jacques Lemaire but he and then Canadiens' coach Scotty Bowman didn't exactly see eye to eye on things and Pierre spent most of his time in the pressbox and on the bench.

As Larouche wasted away, Lemaire seemed to be getting better as he got older. It looked like Larouche would be drawing his paycheck from another club after last year — but Lemaire decided to go play hockey in Switzerland and someone had to take his place.

That someone turned out to be Pierre Larouche and Larouche responded with 18 goals through Dec. 3 to rank seventh in the league in scoring.

"At one point, yes, I did feel that I would be leaving," Larouche said recently. "I used to think about it a lot. But then I told myself not to worry about it — forget about it. There's nothing you can do about it anyway."

"I came here and, all of a sudden, I'm not playing anymore.

There was no word, nothing. I just went along with what they wanted to do. If I would have been traded, I would have to say the last two years were wasted. But now I would have to say it was all worth it. I learned a lot by being with all these great players."

Larouche scored 53 goals and added 58 assists for the Penguins at age 20, leaving the door to stardom wide open. But the door was blocked by a lack of defensive ability and a well-publicized attitude problem. There were numerous run-ins with Pittsburgh general manager Baz Bastien and fines for missed practices. There was also a great deal of one-way hockey.

A quote once attributed to Larouche had the brash young center saying, "They pay me \$150,000 to go one way, let them pay me another \$150,000 to go the other." He laughs that off as being "humorous" but it was just one of the things that got him traded.

"He's the only guy I know who can score 80 goals in a season and still have a bad year, because he was on the ice for 100 of the opponents' goals," former roommate Mike Corrigan once said. "He didn't want to make the sacrifice of playing defence and maybe not scoring 50 goals. If he doesn't get his stuff together, he could be washed up by the time he's 25. And what a pity that would be."

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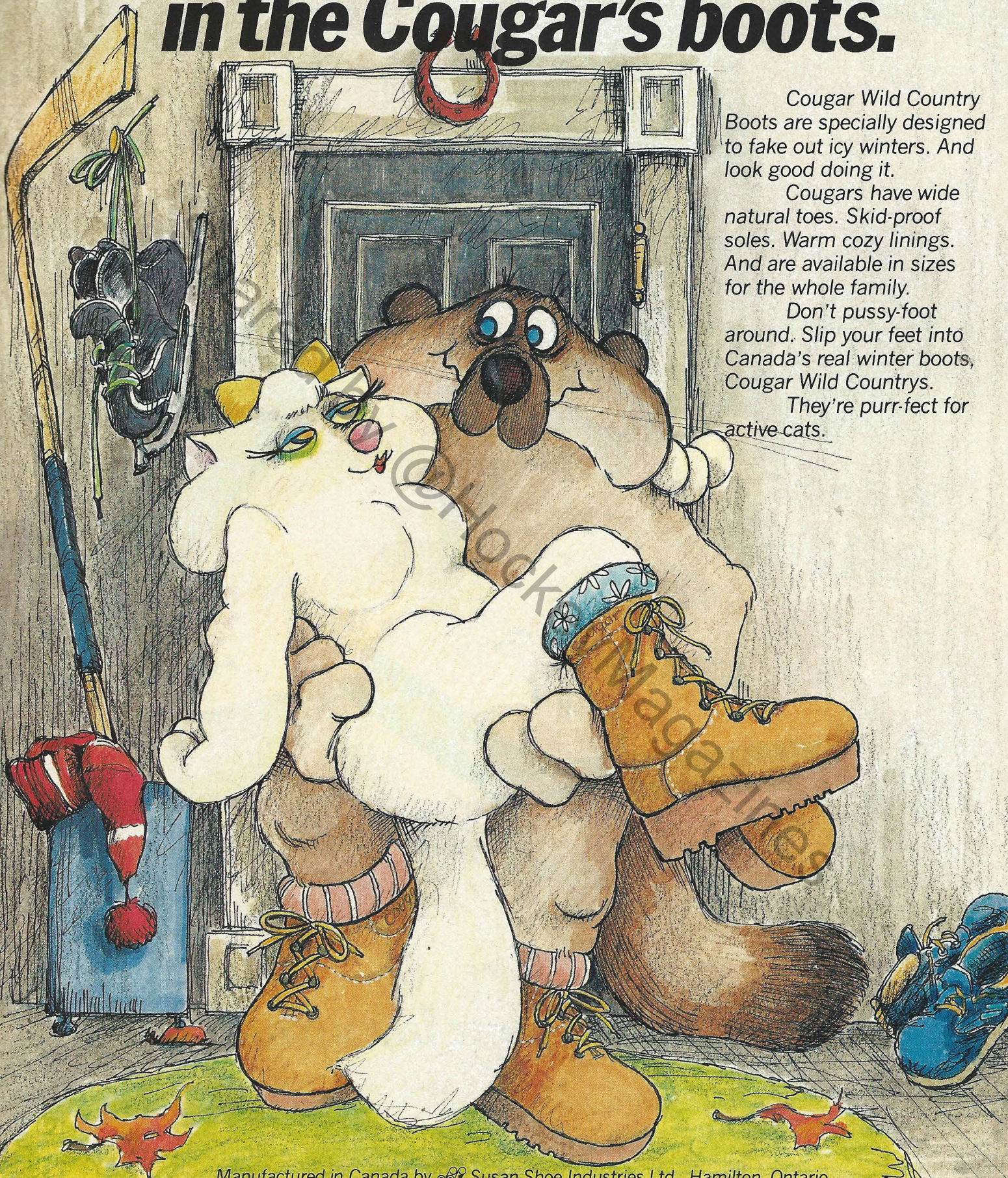
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	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Chicago	80	29	36	15	73	244	277
Vancouver	80	25	42	13	63	217	291
St. Louis	80	18	50	12	48	249	348
Colorado	80	15	53	12	42	210	331

PATRICK DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Islanders	80	51	15	14	116	358	214
Philadelphia	80	40	25	15	95	281	248
Rangers	80	40	29	11	91	316	292
Atlanta	80	41	31	8	90	327	280

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NORRIS DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Montreal	80	52	17	11	115	337	204
Pittsburgh	80	36	31	13	85	281	279
Los Angeles	80	34	34	12	80	292	286
Washington	80	24	41	15	63	273	338
Detroit	80	23	41	16	62	252	295

ADAMS DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	80	43	23	14	100	316	270
Buffalo	80	36	28	16	88	280	263
Toronto	80	34	33	13	81	267	252
Minnesota	80	28	40	12	68	257	289

TOP TEN NHL GOALERS

	GP	MIN	GA	SO	AVG.
Ken Dryden, Montreal	47	2814	108	5	2.30
Glenn Resch, Islanders	43	2539	106	2	2.50
Bernie Parent, Philadelphia	36	1979	89	4	2.70
Michel Larocque, Montreal ...	34	1986	94	3	2.84
Mike Palmateer, Toronto ...	58	3396	167	4	2.85
Billy Smith, Islanders	40	2261	108	1	2.87
Don Edwards, Buffalo	54	3160	159	2	3.02
Mario Lessard, Los Angeles ...	49	2860	148	4	3.10
Glen Hanlon, Vancouver ...	31	1821	94	3	3.10
Gerry Cheevers, Boston ...	43	2509	132	1	3.16

TOP TWENTY-FIVE SCORERS IN THE NHL, 1978-79

	GP	G	A	PTS
Bryan Trottier, Islanders	76	47	87	134
Marcel Dionne, Los Angeles ...	80	59	71	130
Guy Lafleur, Montreal	80	52	77	129
Mike Bossy, Islanders	89	69	57	126

	GP	G	A	PTS
Bob MacMillan, Atlanta	79	37	71	108
Guy Chouinard, Atlanta	80	50	57	107
Denis Potvin, Islanders	73	31	70	101
Bernie Federko, St. Louis	74	31	64	95
Dave Taylor, Los Angeles ...	78	43	48	91
Clark Gillies, Islanders	75	35	56	91
Dennis Maruk, Minn-Wash ...	78	31	59	90
Darryl Sittler, Toronto	70	36	51	87
Butch Goring, Los Angeles ...	80	36	51	87
Rick Middleton, Boston	71	38	48	86
Lanny McDonald, Toronto ...	79	43	42	85
Gil Perreault, Buffalo	79	27	58	85
Eric Vail, Atlanta	80	35	48	83
Brian Sutter, St. Louis	77	41	39	80
Peter McNab, Boston	76	35	45	80
Bill Barber, Philadelphia	79	34	46	80
Anders Hedberg, Rangers	80	33	46	79
Phil Esposito, Rangers	80	42	36	78
Ivan Boldirev, Chi-Atl	79	35	43	78
Steve Shutt, Montreal	72	37	40	77
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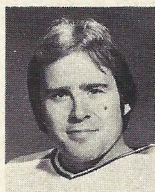
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BOBBY SMITH
Minnesota Northstars

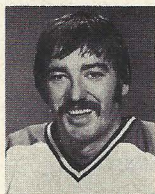
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But the game as played today had its origins in Canada and there is little disagreement to the claim that some form of the ice game was first brought to North America shores by British soldiers garrisoned at Halifax. Montreal and Kingston, Ont. Whether the game was called bandy, shinny, shinty or hocquet — well, that's another matter.

Three students of Montreal's McGill University are credited with setting up proper rules to cover such things as duration of play, number of players, positions, form and shape of the puck, penalties for infractions and size of the goal. That was 1879. Sticks were made in the Indian village of Caughnawaga, cost 35 cents each and were fashioned after field hockey sticks.

Ice was rented in the Crystal Skating Club and they started playing Saturday mornings with 15 men a side. This was found unwieldy and before long the number was reduced to seven.

Other teams were formed and by 1883 it had grown into a series of games during Ice Carnival Week. Encouraged by the new uniform rules, the game spread to other points of Quebec and Ontario, and ultimately across the entire country and spilled over into northern parts of the United States.

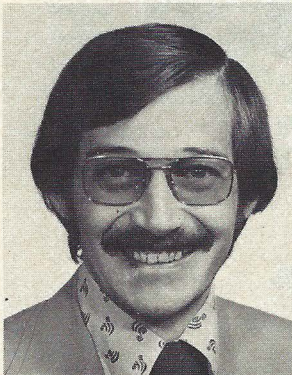
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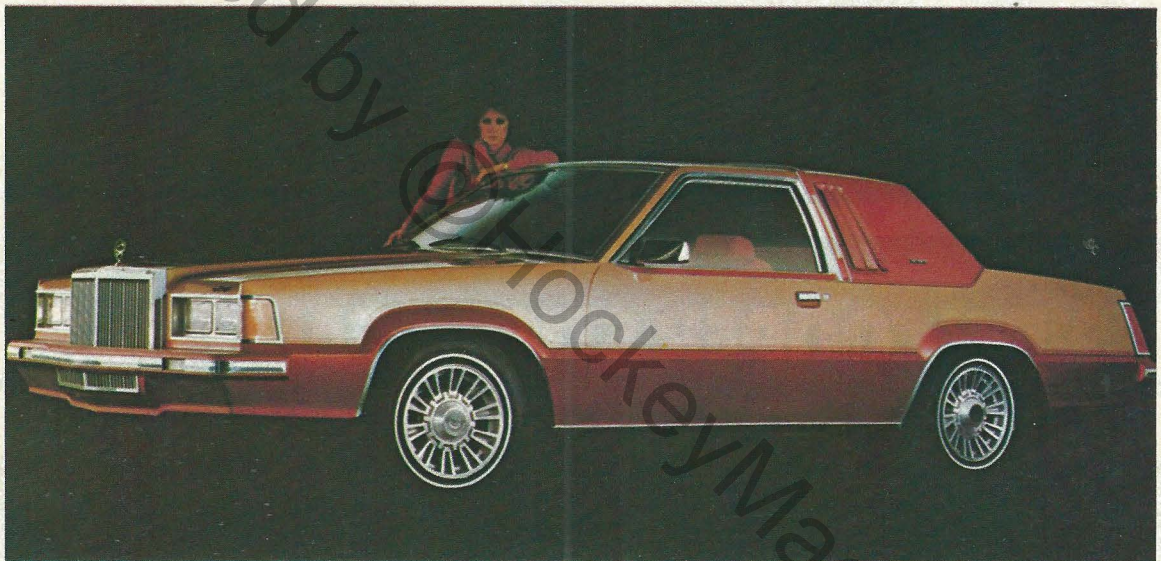




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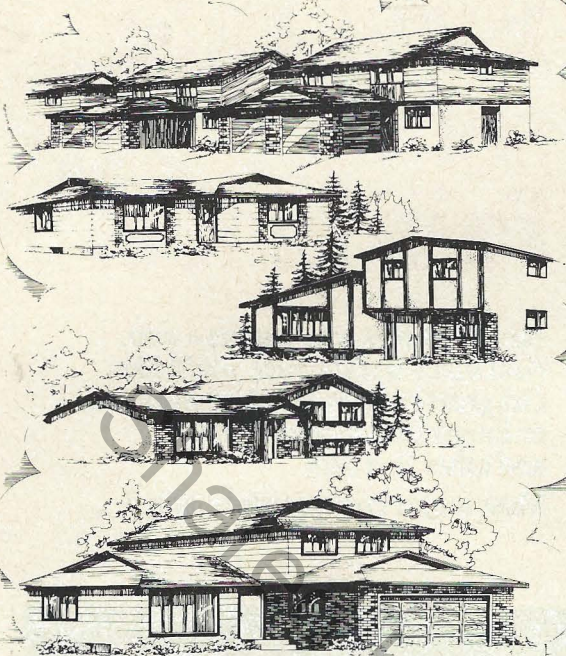


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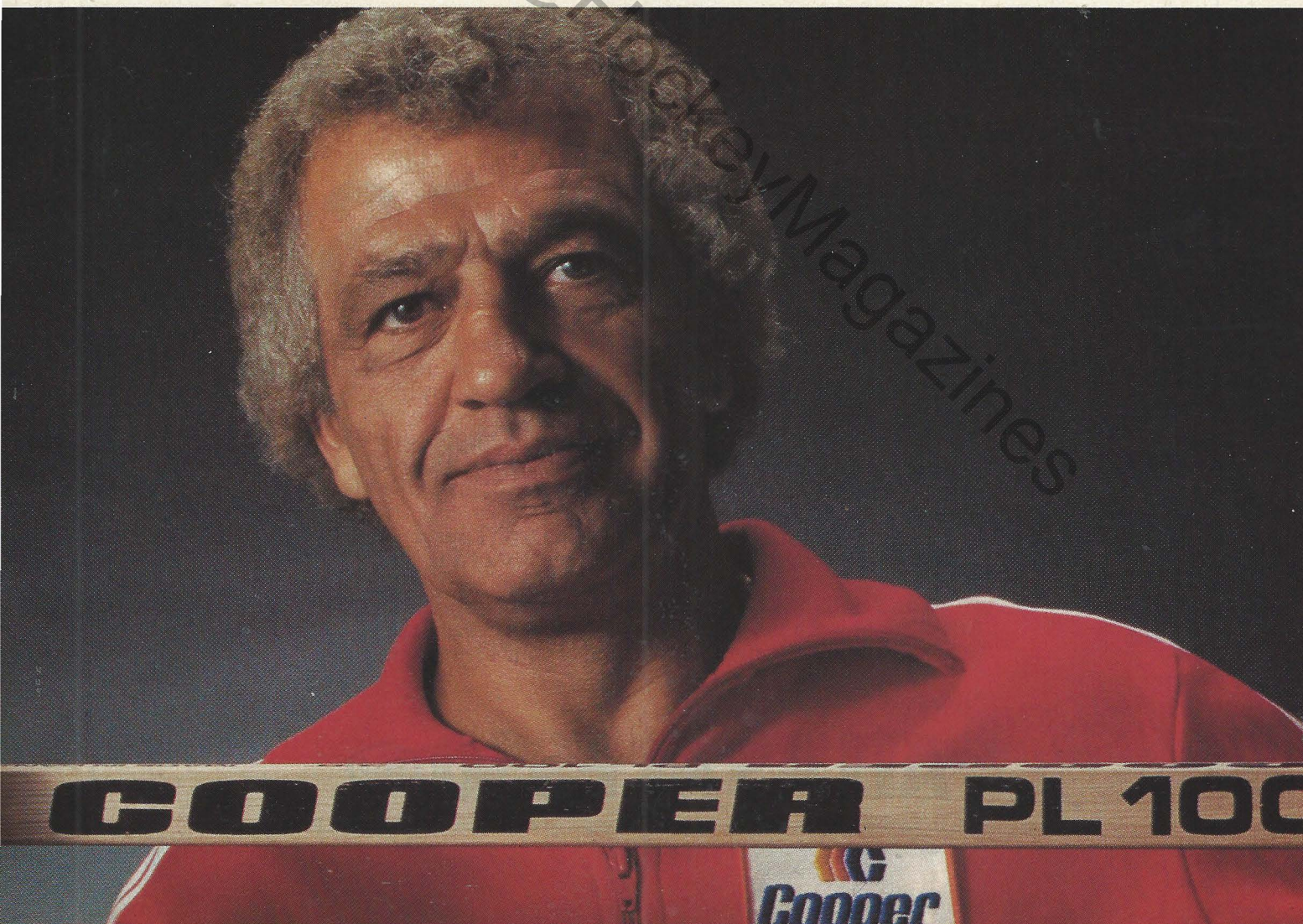
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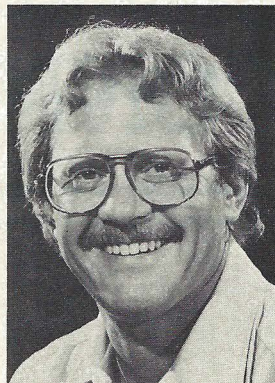
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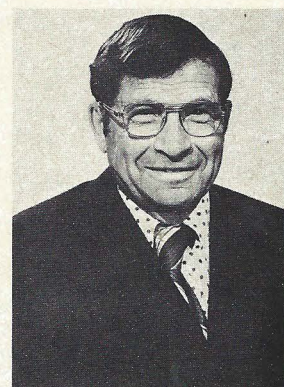
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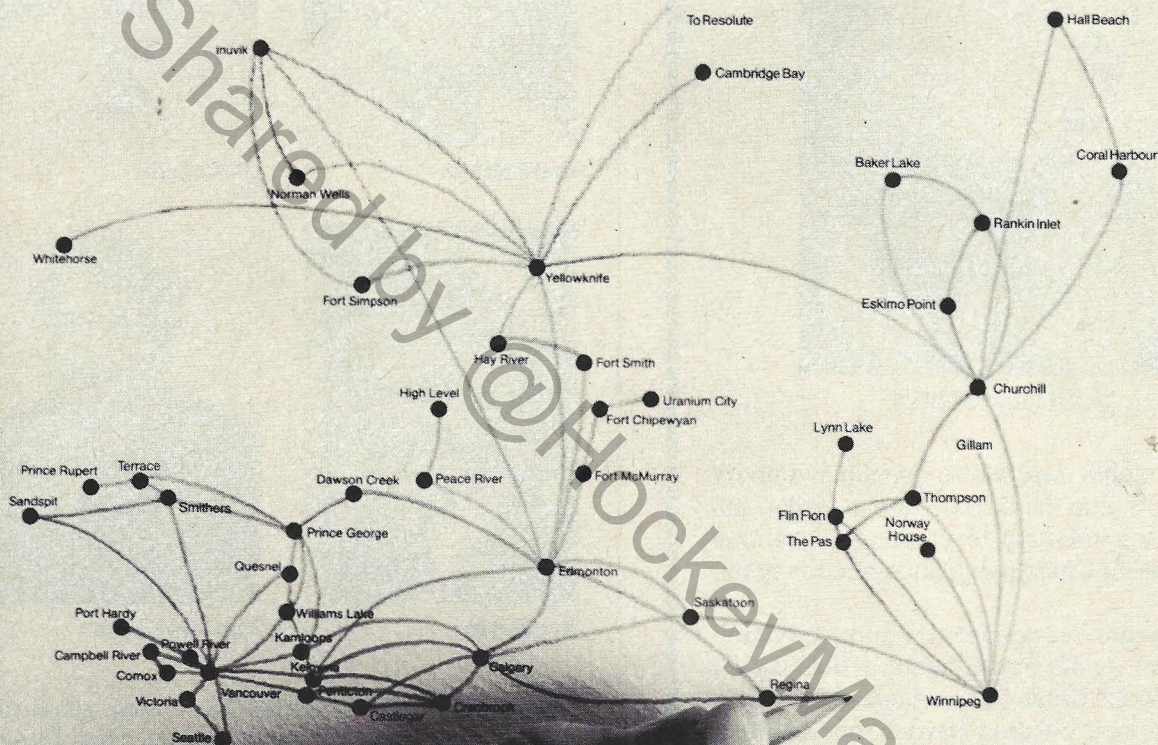
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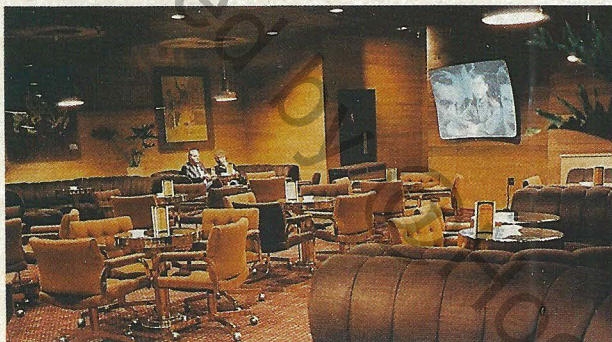
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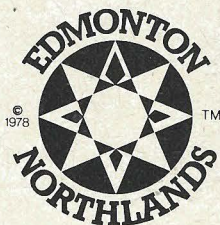


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HOLDING

Clasping either wrist with the other hand well in front of the chest.



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Tapping either elbow with the opposite hand.



HOOKING

A series of tugging motions with both arms, as if pulling something toward the stomach.



CROSS-CHECKING

A series of forward and backward motions with both fists clenched extending from the chest.



CHARGING

Rotating clenched arms around one another in front of chest.



HIGH-STICKING

Holding both fists clenched, one immediately above the other, at the height of the forehead.



INTERFERENCE

Crossed arms stationary in front of chest.

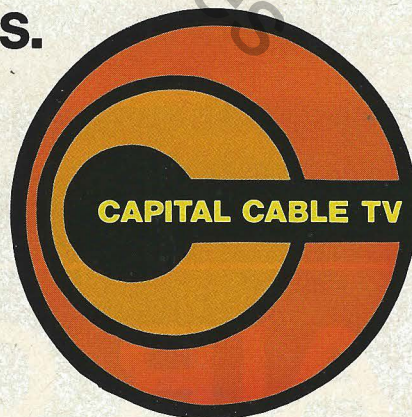


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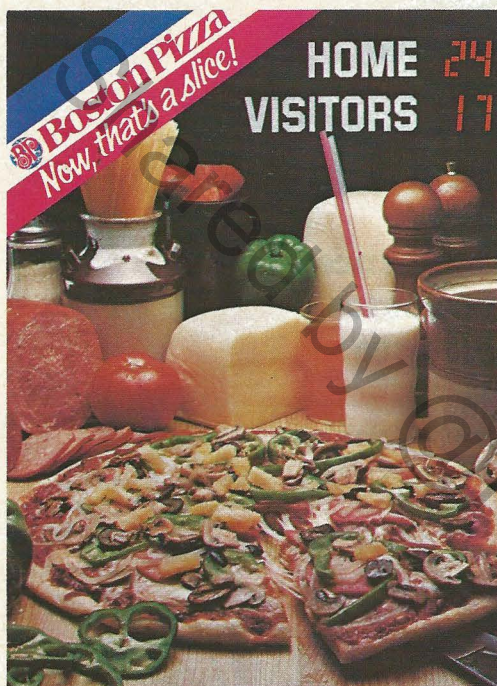


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At the end of the season, whatever money is remaining in the Jackpot will be donated by Boston Pizza to the Evelyn Unger School for Language and Learning Development.

13 Edmonton Locations

 **Boston Pizza**
Now, that's a slice!

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But it looks as if Larouche won't be washed up just yet. Playing between star wingers Guy Lafleur and Steve Shutt, Larouche is actually trying to go both ways, realizing his limitations yet trying to do the job.

"Pierre is maybe a little bit more serious now than he was," says Lafleur. "Playing with us, he knows what we want for him. He wasn't serious — he was off for two years. He didn't have much playing time and figured, what's the difference if I'm only going to get two shifts a game anyway?"

"But now that he's playing with us, he's part of the crew."

Shutt agrees.

"He's playing very, very well," the high-scoring left wing says of the 24-year-old Larouche. "The one problem our line is having is that maybe we're giving up too many goals. He (Larouche) knows that's his weak point and he's working at it. We have to help him though. Hey, Lafleur and I aren't the greatest defensive players in the world either."

"But I'll tell ya, there's not too many guys in the league that are better with the puck than Pierre once he gets his stick on it".

Playing with the puck has never been much of a problem for Larouche. It's been when he doesn't have the puck that's given him trouble. But he's never worked on it like he is now.

"He's working at it and I think he's coming along pretty well," says team captain Serge Savard. "He's more of an offensive player than a defensive one but I think he's improving his defence. There's no doubt that he's one of the finest offensive players in the league. He'll score as many goals as Lemaire but

Jacques was a super defensive player. There's always room for improvement in Pierre but I think he'll do all right".

"I gotta be more careful than ever that I don't get caught," says Larouche. "I'm not there to fill Jacques Lemaire's shoes. My job is just to please those two guys (Lafleur and Shutt) with my work and I don't have to worry about anybody else. He (Lemaire) would lay back more — like a safety in football — and I go in a little more deeply. We have different styles so I don't think we'll be compared too much."

But the comparisons are inevitable. After all, the Canadiens are going through changes this year. Goaltenders Larocque, Herron and Sevigny will be compared to Ken Dryden, Coach Bernie Geoffrion will be compared to Scotty Bowman and Larouche will be compared to Lemaire. It's only natural.

But Larouche is happy just to be playing hockey again — especially for the Canadiens.

"I'm just getting a chance to play, that's all there is to it," he says. "I spent so much time sitting upstairs in the pressbox the last two years that I'm glad to be back out there".

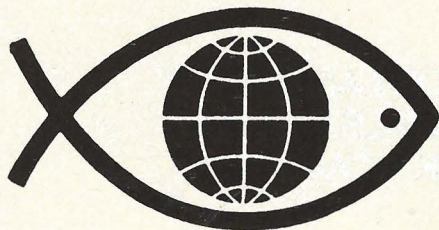
"Geoffrion came in over the summer and told me I would be getting more playing time. No, I don't feel like this is my last chance with the Canadiens because I don't really feel that I ever had my first chance. Now I'm getting it and I'm gonna make the most of it."

Larouche's attitude is already different. You can tell he's glad to be getting a chance after last season, when he scored nine goals in just 36 games. He was almost certain to be moving on following that year, but Lemaire's departure gave him the shot of a lifetime.

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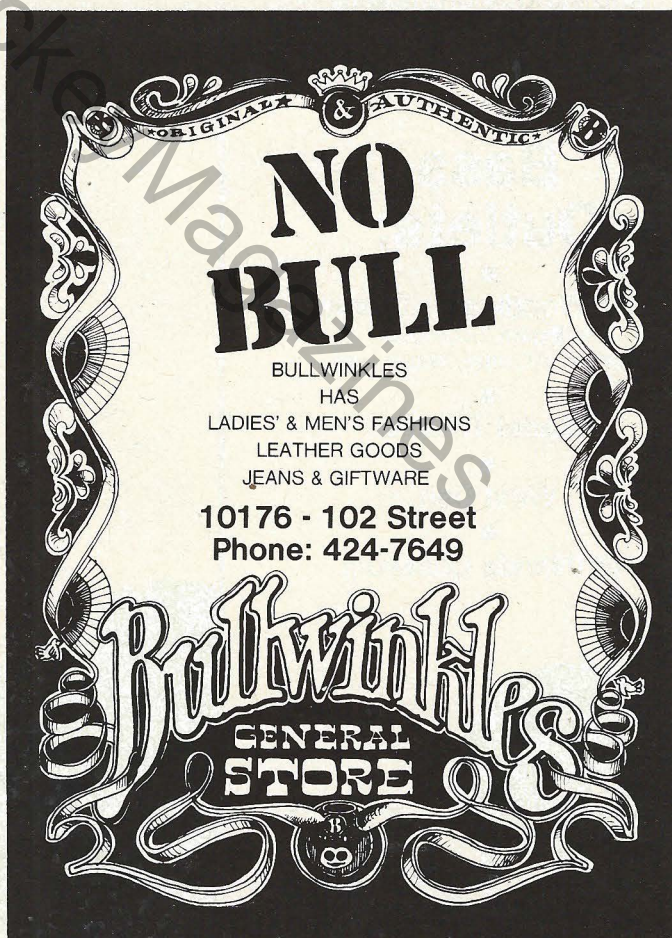
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Answers to HMDYKATOATNHL?

1. c) Bernie Parent (4,314 minutes)
2. b) Stan Mikita (1966-67 and 67-68)
3. Neither one. The team is given credit for the shut-out.
4. c) No, the goal would not be allowed.
5. c) 1965-66
6. b) Boston, received the assist in 1936.
7. b) 7 Rick Martin, Phil Esposito and Joe Malone share the record
8. a) Tom Bladon, 4 goals, 4 assists as a Flyer in February 1977





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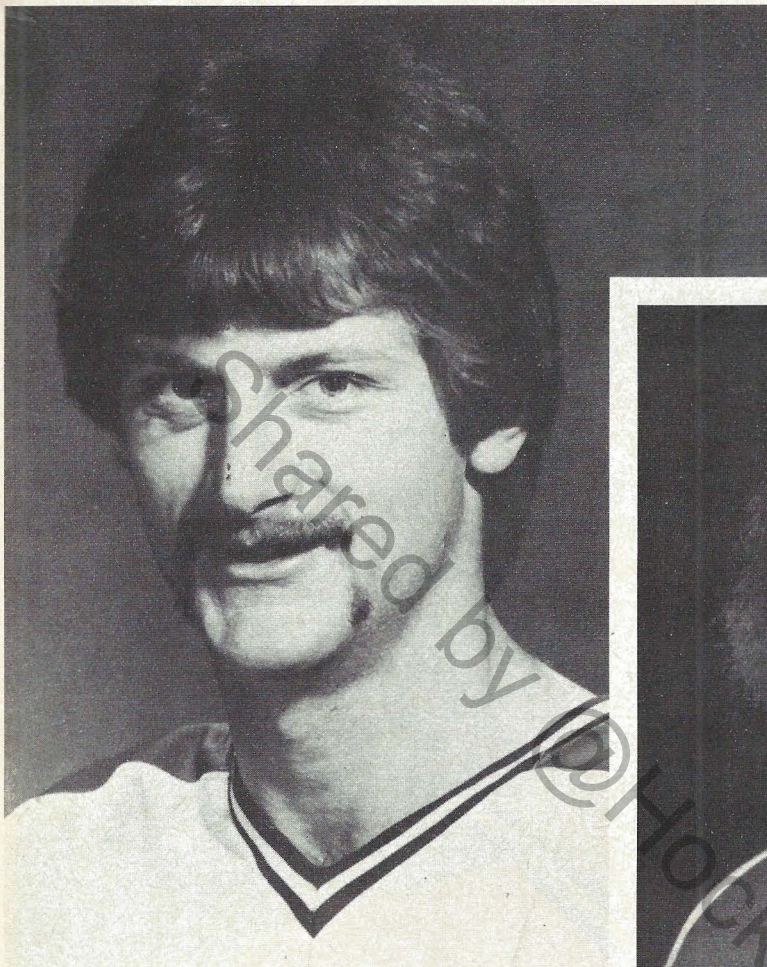
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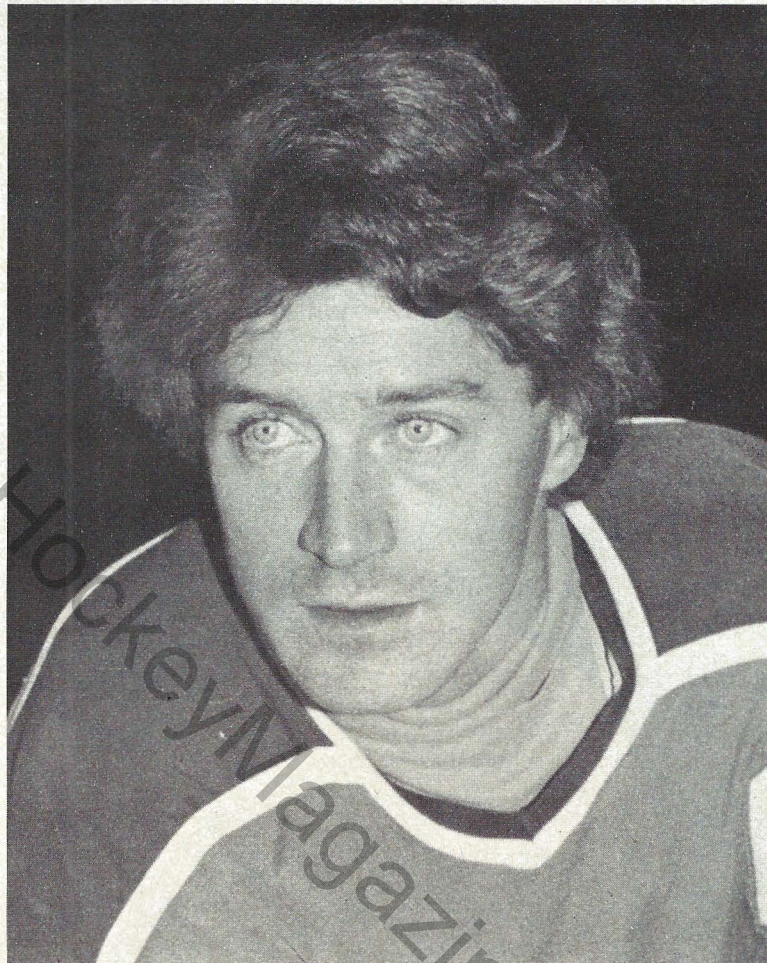
DICK CHUBEY . . .

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ROD LANGWAY

. . . new hero



BLAIR MacDONALD

. . . snapped drought

For Herron, the look at Edmonton's 19-year-old Whiz Kid was his first close up as Gretzky didn't perform up to par in their only previous confrontation (4-3 for Montreal on Jan. 7).

"That is a very good line," he said of Gretzky, MacDonald and newcomer Don Ashby, also an Oiler marksman on this particular night. "Gretzky is smart with the puck. He goes wide and draws everyone (defenders) to him. Then he suddenly passes the puck to the slot and there's a guy coming in on you."

Herron was speaking strictly from experience and a perfect example of what he said surfaced with 26 seconds to go in the hectic match. Gretzky made his patented move wide and, as the Canadiens' checkers followed him as if they were drawn by a magnet, he slopped the puck to a trailing MacDonald. B.J. unloaded quickly, but, alas, too high.

"There were a bunch of players in front of me, but I managed to see the shot all the way," said Herron, who blocked the high shot with his right shoulder and smothered the

rebound to preserve the victory. "I think he has to get it up high, Langway was down in front of me."

That was the Oilers' final volley, after which they were forced to settle their second nip-and-tuck setback in two trips to the Forum.

In their aforementioned post-game analysis, both Langway and Sather were undoubtedly correct. Langway said the Habs took the Oilers for granted and they might very well have as they fell behind 2-0 and then raced to a 5-2 lead.

But, Slats wasn't far off either. Both sides skated as if they were escapees attempting to stay a step ahead of the law. And, certainly the Oilers deserved no worse than a tie.

It's too bad in a way, too. Edmonton's heart-throbbing 4-3 and 5-4 losses in the Forum in the rebord books will appear on a par with Winnipeg Jets' 7-0 and 3-0 thrashings. Or, Quebec Nordiques' 3-1 and 5-1 thumpings.

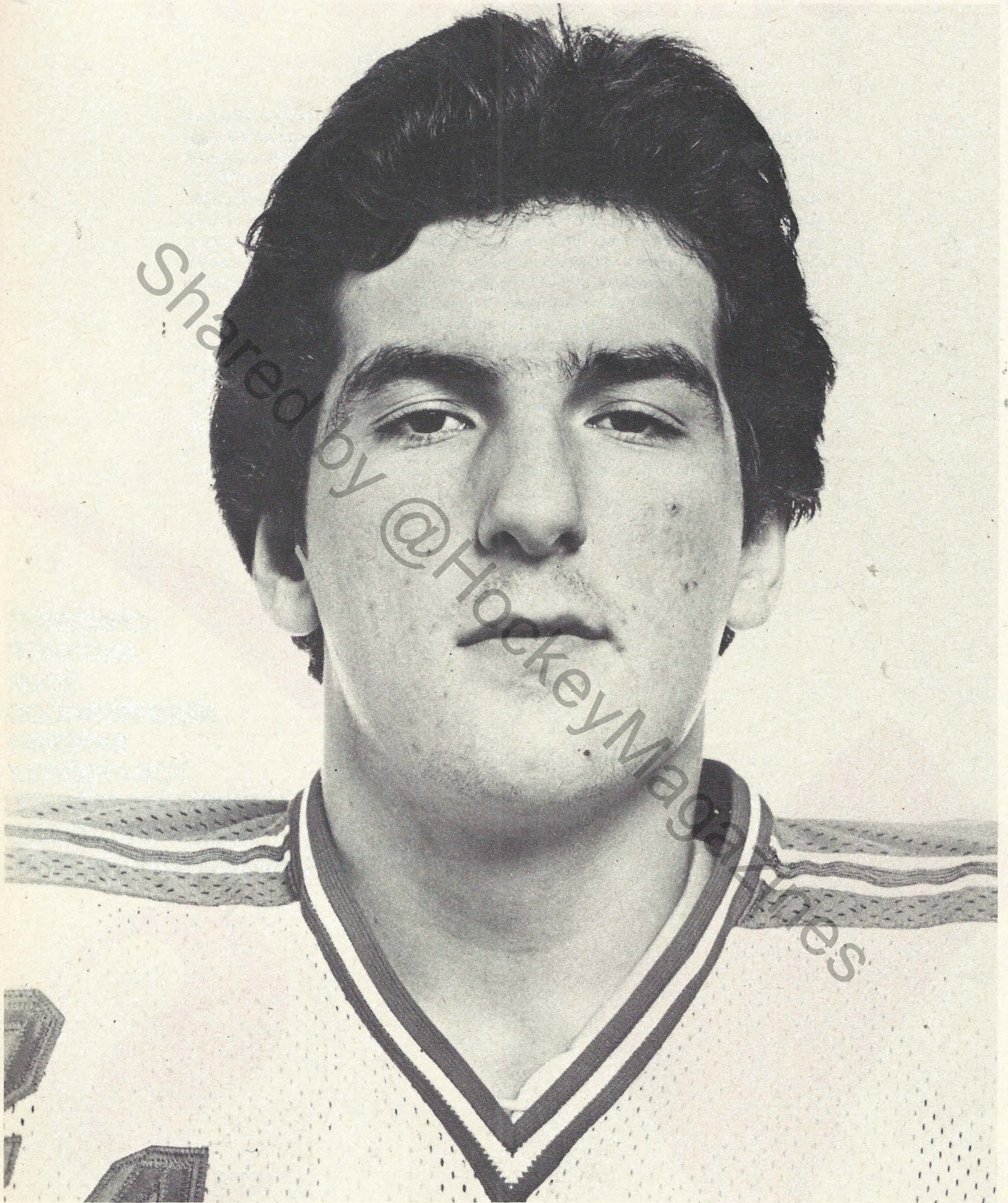
There's little justice.

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Perhaps the best — and certainly the most respected — defenceman in the National Hockey League is Larry Robinson. Some call him *The Big Bird* but more call him a big nuisance as they attempt to generate scoring chances in Montreal territory. Still another group call him a big threat as he sets up an attack in the rival zone for the ever-powerful Montreal Canadiens.

COMING UP NEXT . . .



Even on Broadway, it's possible for an athlete to be largely unappreciated outside his own circle. Such an athlete is Mario Marois, the steady and rugged New York Rangers' defenceman whose worth is often overlooked by fans but seldom by his team-mates or coaches. Marois and the Rangers will be here to meet Edmonton Oilers March 19.

CHECKOUT

NOTES 'N' NEWS

Claude Ruel, who pulled the Canadiens out of a slump when he replaced **Bernie Geoffrion** as coach mid-way through the season, has been with the Montreal organization for 24 years. He played with the Junior Canadiens in the Ontario Hockey Association for 3½ seasons before an eye injury ended his career as an active player in 1957-58. Ruel coached the junior Canadiens from 1959 through 1965, was chief scout for the NHL Canadiens from 1965 through 1968, led the Canadiens to a Stanley Cup in 1968-69, then resigned as coach in November, 1970 after the Canadiens could not make the playoffs in 1969-70 . . . **Ron Caron**, the Canadiens director of recruitment and player personnel, majored in arts and philosophy at the University of Ottawa. He was a teacher before he got into hockey as a part-time scout for the Montreal junior Canadiens . . . Eight players originally drafted by the Canadiens have been part of the Oilers organization at one time or another. They include **Bobby Sheehan**, drafted in 1969; **Steve Carlyle**, drafted in 1970; **Cam Connor**, **Joe Micheletti** and **Dave Lumley**, drafted in 1974; **Robin Sadler**, drafted in 1975; and **Dave Hunter** and **Ron Carter**, drafted in 1978 . . . The Canadiens have not had a losing season in the NHL since 1950-51, when they won 20 games, lost 30 and tied 15. The Canadiens, formed in 1917, have missed the playoffs only eight times and only once since 1947-48. They have won the Stanley Cup 21 times . . . The Canadiens hold the NHL record for most road wins in a season, 27 in both 1976-77 and 1977-78.

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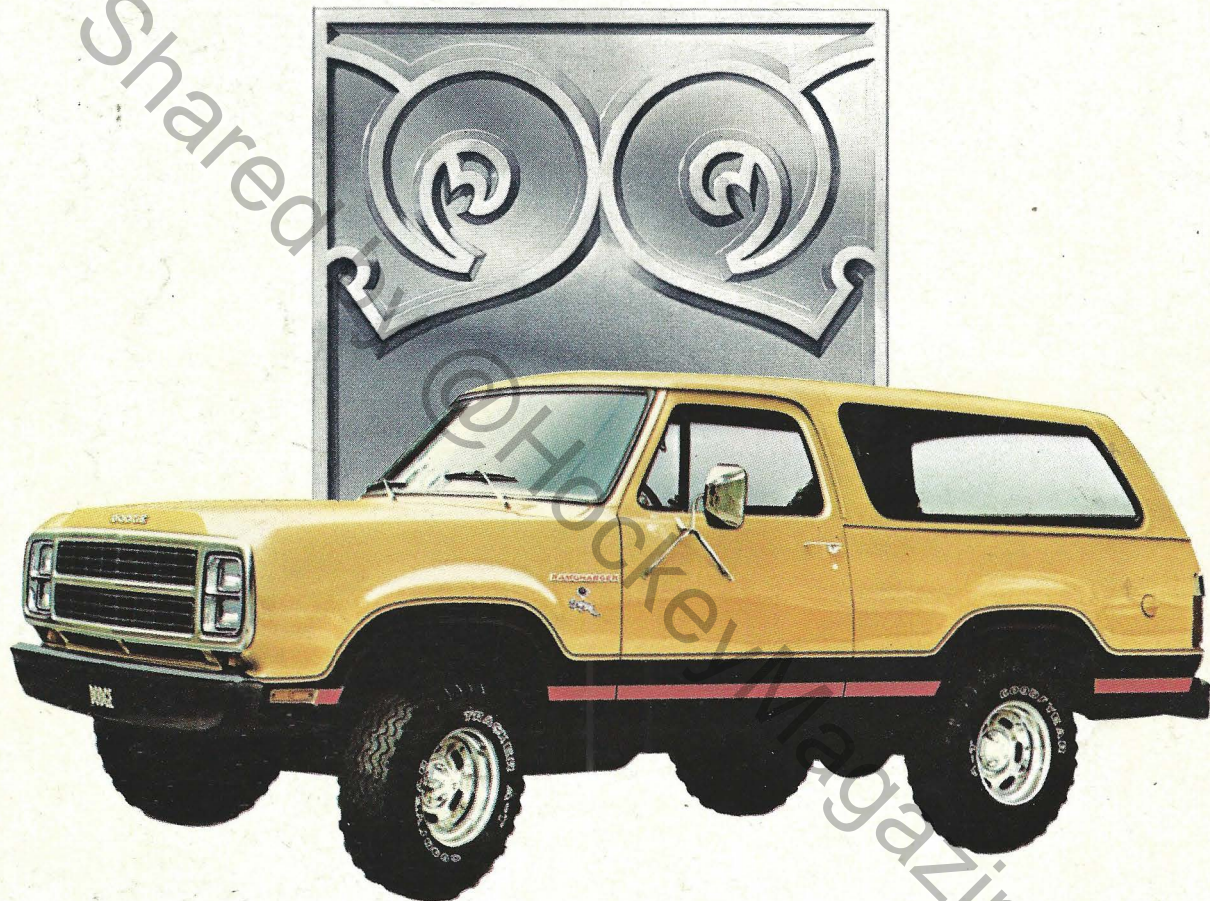
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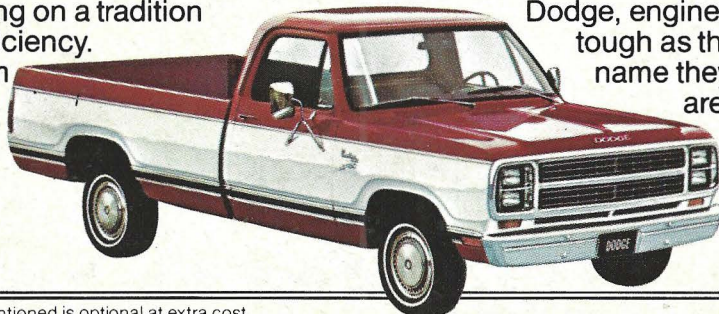
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